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STATE BOARD SETS \$1,000,000 GOAL

Dr. J. D. Ray Elected President Of The Executive Committee



DR. J. D. RAY

Shown above is Dr. J. D. Ray recently elected president of the Baptist Convention Board and president of the Executive Committee of the Baptist Convention Board. Dr. Ray lives at Starkville where he served as pastor of the First church until his retirement in 1947.

The Executive Committee of the Mississippi Baptist Convention Board held two meetings, one before and the other after the meeting of the Convention Board. Meeting on December 6 at 12 noon at the Robert E. Lee Hotel, the Committee enjoyed an hour of fellowship while having dinner together. Members present were: Vice-president Dr. J. D. Ray; Recording Secretary Rev. Fred B. Bookter; Executive Secretary Dr. D. A. McCall, E. D. Hurst, Rev. Howard H. Aultman, Rev. W. L. Meadows, Rev. Wayne Alston and Dr. Fred B. Moseley.

On motion of Howard H. Aultman, the secretary was instructed to send greeting to John D. Davis of Greenville and R. D. Pearson of Macon expressing regret at their absence. Both were retired because of the six year rule.

The following State workers were granted permission to make out-of-state trips at Convention expense: W. R. Roberts, Charles Horner, Miss Patsy Bailey, and Rev. M. J. Gilbert.

The newly elected Executive Committee held a post-Convention Board meeting on December 7, at the Baptist Building. Members present were: Dr. J. D. Ray, Dr. D. A. McCall, Rev. Fred B. Bookter, Rev. Howard H. Aultman, Rev. W. L. Meadows, E. D. Hurst, Rev. C. W. Thompson and Dr. (Continued on Page Two)

J. W. PARRISH TO SPEAK ON MISS. RADIO HOUR

Dr. James W. Parrish, pastor of the First Church, Laurel will be the speaker on the Mississippi Baptist Radio Hour Sunday afternoon, December 19, at 2:30 CST over the following stations:

WSLI, Jackson; WCBI, Columbus; WMOX, Meridian; WROB, West Point; WELO, Tupelo; WROX, Clarksdale; WLAU, Laurel; WHOC, Philadelphia; WLOX, Biloxi; WAPF, McComb; KWEM, West Memphis; WVBM, Brookhaven.

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C. AUBREY HEARN

Shown above is C. Aubrey Hearn, Nashville, Tenn. Associate Editor in the Training Union Department of The Baptist Sunday School Board. Mr. Hearn will be guest speaker on the morning program of the State Training Union Convention meeting at First Baptist Church, Jackson, Dec. 28th. He will use the subject "Available Helps for Progressive Leaders." Mr. Hearn will also conduct a twenty minute conference in each of these departments, Adults, Young People and Intermediate.

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FEDERAL AID A THREAT TO BAPTIST POSITION

By Joe W. Burton
Editor, Home Life

The recurring question of government aid to religious institutions must be faced again in our Baptist colleges if the Federal educational aid program becomes law.

The proposed educational bill, according to news reports, will offer aid to religious schools if they meet the educational standards which will be written into the bill.

The proffer of federal aid to denominational institutions involves at once the traditional American and Baptist position with reference to separation of church and state. It (Continued on Page Two)

State Mission Budget Increased By \$15,000 Committee Scores Excessive Requests For Aid

The election of Dr. J. D. Ray as president of the Convention Board, adoption of a State Mission Budget of \$228,670, the highest in Mississippi Baptist history, and the adoption of the report of a Special Committee to Study Baptist Work were some of the highlights of the two day session of the Mississippi Baptist Convention Board which met at the Baptist Building, Jackson, December 6 and 7.

Dr. Ray, newly elected president, has been a member of the Convention Board for many years and succeeds John D. Davis, layman of Greenville, who has served on the Board for ten years and leaves the Board because of the six year rule.

The budget for next year is approximately \$15,000 above the 1948 budget. The Cooperative Program monies will be divided as follows: 45% to Southwide causes and 55% to Statewide causes. For several years the division has been 40-60. The 55% for State Work will be divided as follows:

1. Christian Education	22%
2. State Missions	23%
3. Hospital	1%
4. Ministerial Education	2%
5. Radio	1 1/4%
6. Baptist Foundation	3/4%
7. Orphanage	5%

Music Department Added To BTU

Dr. D. A. (Scotchie) McCall was elected for his eleventh consecutive year as Executive Secretary. The Music Department was combined with the Training Union Department, with Auber J. Wilds heading the department and W. C. Morgan promoting the music. Until a few months ago Luther A. Harrison was Secretary of the Department of Music. The largest single item in the newly planned budget is \$25,000 for church building evangelism. An additional grant of \$8,000 was made to Davis Memorial Church in Jackson for assistance in their building program. This grant was made in view of the fact that Davis Memorial serves the Orphanage, which has children from every section of the State.

In addition to the election of Dr. J. D. Ray of Starkville as president other officers elected were: Rev. G. O. Parker of Carthage, Vice-president; Rev. Fred B. Bookter of McComb, secretary, and Rev. Virgil Ratcliff of Hattiesburg assistant recording secretary.

The report of a special committee to study Baptist affairs was presented by Dr. Frank Moody Purser and was printed in full in last week's issue. All departments were commended for their splendid work.

\$599,432 Asked—\$228,670 Allotted

Chairman Howard H. Aultman, in presenting the State Mission budget, called attention to the fact that a total of \$599,432 was asked for by various departments, agencies and institutions. The ceiling for appropriations was \$228,670. He also called attention to the fact that the allocation of distributable funds is curtailed a total of 5%, due to the act of the Convention in changing percentages from 40-60 to 45-55. He also called attention to the fact that the Committee (Continued on Page Two)



REV. G. O. PARKER

Shown above is Rev. G. O. Parker, pastor of Carthage church and who was recently elected as vice-president of the Baptist Convention Board and vice-president of the executive Convention Board and vice-president of the Executive Committee.

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CAN A MAN ONCE SAVED AFTERWARD BE LOST

By J. N. Campbell, Coolidge, Arizona

A prominent Baptist pastor preached in the pulpit of one of our churches here in the South-west, taught that such sins as murder and adultery could send a man to hell, regardless of the fact that he had been saved! One of our pastors said that half of his members believe in falling from grace! As a matter of fact, with the exception of true Baptists and a few others, everybody believes that salvation from hell is conditioned on "being good," doing "the works of the law."

Paul wrote in the book of Galatians to combat this doctrine of the devil. Such heretics were then known as Judaizers.

In the fifth century the same heresy (Continued on Page Two)

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felt that "Our work this year must be carried to the people out in the rural and needy sections where our ministry is most needed."

Appropriations for the State Mission budget as presented by the Chairman of the budget committee, Rev. Howard H. Aultman of Holly Springs follows:

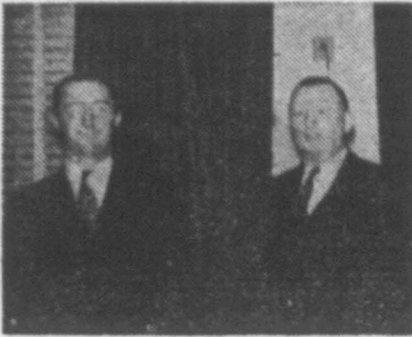
1. Church Building Evangelism	\$25,000
2. Negro Work	13,500
3. Indian Work	4,000
4. B. S. U. (Campus)	13,000
5. B. S. U. Department	6,000
6. Sunday School Department	15,000
7. B. T. U.	15,500
8. Evangelistic Conference	1,500
9. Historical Society	200
10. Board Retirement Plan	36,500
Office Expense	
Promotion	
Ministers Retirement Plan	
Widows Supplemental Plan	
11. Convention Expense	500
12. Board Meetings	2,500
13. State Mission Promotion and Tract Promotion	5,000
14. Stewardship Conference	1,000
15. Institutional Work	4,500
16. W. M. U. Department	
Coop. Program 17,500	
W. M. U. Field Work	
State Missions	9,500
17. Pastoral Evangelism	9,000
18. Service Men's Aid	1,200
19. Brotherhood	10,000
20. Associational Missions	21,000
21. Preachers Bible School	1,000
22. Temperance	5,000
23. Associational Missionary Institutes	300
24. Chinese Missions	900
25. Miscellaneous	2,800
26. Starkville Church (to be paid according to previous directions)	10,000
27. Davis Memorial Church	8,000
28. Baptist World Alliance	975
29. Braille Evangel	100
30. Stewardship and Evangelism	5,195
Total	\$228,670

The report on Associational Missions was read by Rev. J. B. Middleton. The Committee recommended the following appropriations:

Associations	Amount
Mississippi	\$ 500
Neshoba	450
Marshall and Lafayette	550
Pontotoc	1200
Attala	1000
Winston	900
Lauderdale	300
Union	1500
Calhoun	800
Simpson	1000
Prentiss	1000
Newton	800
Jackson	1200
Union County	800
Pearl River	800
Scott & Rankin	1200
Panola & Yalobusha	1200
Bolivar	700
Warren	1200
Gulf Coast	1500
Riverside	500
Tishomingo	1200
Jones	900

The W. M. U. budget, totaling \$27,000, follows:

Camp Garaywa Maintenance	\$ 3650.00
B. A. Field Work	3,000.00
Negro Woman Worker (Salary and Expense)	1,700.00
Indian Youth Work	550.00
Negro Youth Work	
Scholarships (1 each) B. M. C., Miss. College and Woman's College	600.00
Total	\$9,500.00



Shown above are Rev. Virgil Ratliff and Rev. Fred B. Bookter. Mr. Bookter is pastor of Central church, McComb and was recently reelected as secretary of the Baptist Convention Board and of the Executive Committee of the Baptist Convention Board. Mr. Ratliff is pastor of Petal - Harvey church and was recently re-elected as assistant secretary of the Baptist Convention Board.

PROPOSED OPERATING BUDGET for 1949 IN COOPERATIVE PROGRAM BUDGET

Travel and Car Expense	1,100.00
Salaries:	9,900.00
Exec. Sec'y	\$3600
Y. P. Sec'y	2280
Office Sec'y	2100
Office Sec'y	1920
Printing	1,800.00
Postage	1,400.00
Supplies (Stationary, mailing envelopes, etc.)	1,200.00
Telephone and Rent	1,000.00
Board Meetings and Convention	550.00
Misc. (includes any equipment)	550.00
Total	\$17,500.00

For the first time, itemized budgets were adopted for the office of the Executive Secretary and for the Baptist Record Editorial Department, which follows:

PROPOSED BUDGET 1949 OFFICE OF D. A. McCall	
Salaries:	
Executive Secretary	\$ 6,000
Executive Secretary Special Expense	1,200
Executive Secretary Utilities	300
Office Secretaries	7,000
Promotional Help	2,000
Secretary for distribution of tracts	1,800
Bookkeepers	10,000
Assistant to Executive Secretary	
Administration and Expense	12,000
Travel - D. A. McCall	
Train	300
Plane	1,000
Car	1,500
Expense:	
Southern Baptist Convention, D. A. McCall	175
Office Secretaries to Convention	250
Travel to Associational Meetings	1,000
Office Expense	1,500
Supplies	1,500
Building Maintenance	3,000
Postage	3,000
Telephone & Telegraphs	1,250
Printing:	
Convention Bulletins	1,250
State Annuals	750
Moderators & Clerks Programs	1,250
Tracts	1,200
Envelopes & Letterheads	1,500
Tithing Cards	500
Expense Forms & Receipts	250
Conventions & Conferences	1,000
Promotion	5,000
Cut & Mats	50
Preparing Associational Reports	75
Express	100
Auditor	700
Bond for Employees	150
Insurance	150
Dues & Subscriptions	100
Exchange on Checks	1,000
Automobile Purchase	2,000
Miscellaneous	2,500
Total	\$74,300

BAPTIST RECORD EDITORIAL DEPARTMENT

Salaries Regular and Special	\$ 9,000
Travel	1,200
Supplies	833
Promotion	750
Postage	1,250
Telephone	400
Cuts & Mats	375
Express	65
Dues & Subscriptions	150
Out-of-State Travelling Expenses	340
Miscellaneous	637
Total	\$15,000

Pastoral Evangelism includes aid granted to churches in the payment of pastors salaries. The report, presented by Rev. A. L. Gatewood, is as follows:

CHURCH	ASSOCIATION GRANTED	
Kossuth	Alcorn	\$300
Westside	Noxubee	90
Elraine	Hinds	25
Riverside	Lawrence	240
Second-Biloxi	Gulf Coast	400
Pass Christian	Gulf Coast	400
Wildwood	Deer Creek	135
Pleasant Grove	Yalobusha	48
Ruhama	Noxubee	240
Big Creek	Calhoun	100
New Salmen	Attala	100
Beulah	Deer Creek	100
Mt. Vernon	Leflore	500
McHenry	Gulf Coast	240
Popular Springs	Itawamba	60
Oldham	Tishomingo	120
Macedonia	Pontotoc	120
Stonewall	Kemper	48
Center Hill	Smith	48
Goodhope	Smith	48
Sharon	Smith	48
Calvary	Deer Creek	240
Wayside	Warren	450
Big Ridge	Gulf Coast	360
Schooner Chapel	Pontotoc	100
Atla Woods	Hinds	240
New Prospect	Newton	75
West Gulfport	Gulf Coast	480
Trinity	Itawamba	1000
Bunkley	Adams-Franklin	48
Cranfield	Adams-Franklin	48
Prairie	Monroe	100
Second-Yazoo	Yazoo	350
City		
Woodlawn	Warren	200
Antioch	Holmes	75
Midway	Hinds	120
Leavell Woods	Hinds	240
Macedonia	Union	240
Zion Hill	Pearl River	120
Ozona	Pearl River	120
Mayersville	Deer Creek	84
Union Hill	Kemper	72
Erett	Wayne	200
Wiggins	Leake	84
South	Winston	48
Louisville		
Reynolds	Riverside	240
Memorial		
Total		\$5,984

The committee also suggested changes in the forms now being used in making application for aid. The purpose of the changes is to provide a more efficient distribution of funds available for pastoral aid. The Committee also suggested that in some way the Board require a survey of the

DR. J. D. RAY ELECTED

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Fred B. Moseley. The committee was organized as follows: President, Dr. J. D. Ray; Vice-president, Rev. G. O. Parker; Recording Secretary, Rev. Fred B. Bookter.

Dr. D. A. McCall discussed the question of securing an assistant to the Executive Secretary and an office manager. The Committee voted to place selection of these workers in the hands of Dr. McCall.

FEDERAL AID A THREAT

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does so very definitely for Baptists, for our colleges are a vital part of the denominational program of Christian education.

Indeed federal aid to Baptist colleges may not only undercut our position of separation of church and state but it could also attack the integrity of our message even on the campuses which our forefathers have created. At a time when institutions are crowded and some may attend Baptist colleges simply because they are able to gain admittance, and if in addition federal aid is offered, there could be a growing challenge to our maintenance of colleges distinctively Christian and Baptist.

Now the colleges must have support, large financial support. But if they receive such support from sources which also control, and in a manner to compromise the distinctive message and function of Baptists, then they will have surrendered the fundamental position of Baptist colleges.

It appears that the proposed federal educational program poses a problem which Baptists generally and college administrations particularly must study most carefully.

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CAN A MAN ONCE SAVED

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was called Pelagianism and Augustine "smote it hip and thigh."

Since the Reformation the doctrine that you have got to "be good", or at least "do the best you can," has been known as Arminianism as opposed to Calvinism. Calvinism teaches Salvation by Grace. Methodists of course preach the popular doctrine of Arminianism.

Unregenerate human nature is proud, and this doctrine takes care of that pride, namely: One may at least help to save himself!

Preachers who believe this doctrine have slight confidence that the grateful love of the soul redeemed by the blood of Jesus will prove a strong enough motive to keep him in the straight and narrow way. Therefore such preachers hold this big stick over their church members: "If you fail to live up to it, you will go to hell yet anyway!"

Jno. 3:36 (and many other Scriptures): "He that believeth on the Son hath everlasting life." Jesus is the one who does the saving.

We are not saved by not committing adultery or murder. Neither are we saved by being quick to repent each time we sin, at least quick enough to get in the penitent prayer for that sin before death catches us. Our home in heaven is guaranteed to us the moment we sincerely meet the conditions of repentance toward God and faith in Jesus Christ, Acts 20:21.

Salvation and rewards must not be confused. We must depend exclusively on Jesus to get us inside of heaven's gate. But it depends upon us as to how far (so to speak) we get inside of heaven's gate. Rewards inside of heaven will depend upon how faithfully on the other hand upon how Christ-like we live. Let Baptists everywhere faithfully preach: "For by grace are ye saved through faith; and that not of yourselves, it is the gift of God: not of works, lest any man should boast," Eph. 2:8-9. — Baptist New Mexican.

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We are called OF God whenever we call ON God.
There is an IF attached to everything worthwhile.

Mississippi Baptists — Your Secretary Says: "Love Never Fails." I Corinthians 13:8

"The Lord is there." Ezekiel, 48:35. These words bring to an end the book of Ezekiel. In the first chapter and first verse, we read, "I saw visions of God." In reading this book some people get lost within the wheels and other signs. Nevertheless, it is a book of God! He is there all the time! Many times during the Convention and the Convention Board sessions we heard the statement repeated in one form or another, "God is there." It takes people of spiritual discernment to see and sense the presence of God. After trying experiences, many of which should have never happened, because God was there Mississippi Baptists are facing unprecedented days of opportunity and service.

We have before us the most comprehensive evangelistic programs ever. Stewardship fires are burning. The day before this writing we received \$9000 through the Bookkeeping Department of the Convention Board office. The day before that we received \$5000. The day before that being Monday we usually receive around \$1000, however, again we received \$5000. On one day last week we received \$11,000 and the next day over \$7,000. The work of Christ is prospering!

You send the monies in for all the work of Christ and your secretary will guarantee you that the bookkeeping department will see that it gets to the right places and on time.

In cooperation with Editor Goodrich we are, at the request of the Board, presenting more than usual of the proceedings of the Convention Board. It was a good session. We have excellent officers for the Board, as we have good Convention officers. Committee members did as splendid work as we have ever witnessed.

The new members of the Executive Committee measure up in every way.

MISSISSIPPI BAPTISTS ARE ON THE MARCH! Doxology!

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CONVENTION BOARD COMMITTEES
We feel it will be helpful for Mississippi Baptists to know how the Convention Board works. It works quite largely through committees. They are your brethren from over the state. They are your representatives. They are bent on the King's business.

For instance, the Associational Missions Committee considers the requests from and the relative needs of the various associations and after such study recommends to the Board the amount of financial aid to be given in the light of monies available. They also review the work done and may make recommendations as to plans to be followed in the future. Committee assignments in the last meeting of the Board were as follows:

1948 CONVENTION BOARD COMMITTEES

Annual Meeting December 6-7-8, 1948

BUDGET AND ALLOCATIONS

H. H. Aultman
C. C. Weaver
B. T. Bishop
M. D. Morton
G. O. Parker

This committee sets up statewide Co-operative Program distributions.

This committee recommends State Mission budget as to total and amounts allocated to departments.

Addendum: A budget for the Convention Board office is to be set up from Co-operative Program receipts.

A budget for the Editor of the Baptist Record and his office is to be set up.

NOMINATIONS AND SALARIES

Fred B. Moseley
F. K. Horton
J. H. Cothen
Marion Perry
H. D. Jordan

This committee nominates department

heads and field workers leaving office secretaries to Executive Committee, Executive Secretary, and Department Heads.

This committee recommends salaries for Executive Secretary, Department Heads, and field workers, leaving salaries of office helpers to Executive Committee, Executive Secretary, and Department Heads.

SUNDAY SCHOOL

D. D. Satterwhite
Luther K. Turner
A. R. Smith
B. W. Jones
Chester Moulder

Review report and work done; study needs of department, and make recommendations. Salaries and personnel are handled by Committee on Nominations and Salaries.

B. T. U.

Kermit Canterbury
W. T. Douglas
J. R. Reedy
G. A. Hall

Review report and work done; study needs of department, and make recommendations. Salaries and personnel are handled by Committee on Nominations and Salaries.

CO-OPERATIVE PROGRAM and STEWARDSHIP

Virgil Ratcliff
John Dearing
N. W. Cox
R. W. Martin

This committee studies the entire Co-operative Program promotion, plans, needs, and so forth.

This committee studies Stewardship promotion, plans, needs, and so forth.

EVANGELISM

(Martin Gilbert, etc. 3 years ahead)

Glen Eric Wiley
Chas. S. Henderson
J. D. Thompson
G. W. Smith

Review report and work done; study needs of department, and make recommendations. Salaries and personnel are handled by Committee on Nominations and Salaries.

RADIO

John Landrum
Swan Haworth
M. H. Barkley
S. R. Woodson

This committee studies the whole plan, problem, and purpose of radio.

BROTHERHOOD

E. D. Hurst
C. B. Hamlet, III
J. B. Smith
H. A. Scott

Review report and work done; study needs of department, and make recommendations. Salaries and personnel are handled by Committee on Nominations and Salaries.

MUSIC

S. B. Harrington
Fred B. Bookler
Joe Hudson
Carey Cox

Review report and work done; study needs of department, and make recommendations. Salaries and personnel are handled by Committee on Nominations and Salaries.

BUILDING AID

Gordon Sansing
L. D. Sellers
Herman Milner
J. R. Davis
W. S. Hardin

This committee studies requests for building aid, recommending an amount in each case, staying always within the total budget grant for this item. A balance should be left for emergencies.

BAPTIST RECORD

(Editorial, News, Circulation, Make-Up)
W. L. Meadows
R. R. Brigrance
T. R. Coulter

J. B. Hemphill

Review report and work done; study needs of department, and make recommendations. Salaries and personnel are handled by Committee on Nominations and Salaries.

BAPTIST RECORD

(Business Management, Finances, Advertising, Mailing, Bookkeeping).

O. P. Estes
H. M. Brooks
Paul Townsend
J. W. Vassar

Review report and work done; study needs of department, and make recommendations. Salaries and personnel are handled by Committee on Nominations and Salaries.

PROMOTIONAL

(Temperance, Chinese, Indian)

H. L. Martin
B. E. Phillips
Wayne Alliston

Study reports of work done, needs, and make recommendations concerning Temperance Department, Chinese work, and Indian work. Salaries and personnel are handled by Committee on Nominations and Salaries.

B. S. U.

R. A. Morris
F. L. Fair
C. J. Smyly

Review report and work done; study needs of department, and make recommendations. Salaries and personnel are handled by Committee on Nominations and Salaries. A balance should be left for emergencies.

ASSOCIATIONAL MISSIONS

J. B. Middleton
R. C. Holcomb
C. W. Thompson
E. D. Estes

Review report and work done; study need, and make recommendations. Salaries and personnel are handled by Committee on Nominations and Salaries. A balance should be left for emergencies.

PASTORAL AID

A. L. Gatewood
James C. Monroe
M. S. Varnado
R. E. Gardner

This committee reviews pastoral aid requests, making recommendations as to a grant in each case staying always within the total budget item for this work. A balance should be left for emergencies.

MINISTERS RETIREMENT

(Pastors, Board, Widows Supplemental Plan)

J. D. Ray
K. R. Cofer
Charlie Treadway

This committee reviews the entire retirement set-up, making any recommendations considered necessary. Salaries and Personnel handled by Nominations and Salary Committee.

NEGRO WORK

Webb Brame
W. B. May

Review reports of work done, study needs in this work and make recommendations. Salaries and personnel are handled by a committee on Nominations and Salaries.

You will probably desire to talk with the chairman of the standing committee on Negro work.

II

For our part we are very grateful and humble over the various expressions of love and friendship from Mississippi Baptists, the Convention, and the Convention Board.

We appreciate the substantial salary raise for this year. Each of the last two years we had declined with appreciation a proffered salary raise. A fellow's resistance may be worn down! Eh?

III

Messengers to the Convention will remember the strikingly beautiful floral emblem in the Memorial Service for Brother Luther Harrison. It was fixed by Harkins Florist.

The lovely lamps used in the all night prayer services were loaned us by the Rhodes Furniture Company.

Miss Sadie Godbold, McComb, sent

MC BSUs COLLECT CLOTHING FOR RELIEF

During the week of December 5-11, the Baptist Student Union of Mississippi College cooperated in a State-wide BSU Drive for Clothing for World Relief. Bulletins and special offering envelopes from the Relief Center in New Orleans, announcements in chapel and in the church, notices on the campus and in the school paper all helped to publicize the drive. An effort was expended to contact personally each student in Clinton.

The response was most favorable, with both students and towns people participating.

Frances Bibb of Drew, Jimmy McCaleb of Columbus, and Roland Wilson of New Albany were the committee promoting the drive.

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The "Association Baptists" of Mississippi have announced plans to establish a college, The "Southeastern Baptist College."

the gorgeous chrysanthemums. It is good to have friends and friends for the work.

IV

While in the Georgia Evangelistic Conferences the first of this year, we met, heard, and were greatly impressed with a young minister by the name of Dr. Boyd Hunt, First Baptist Church, Houston. We hope to have him at one of our Mississippi Conferences. He has spiritual power. Recently we had the privilege of piloting the plane down to Houston, Texas, and supplying for his great church. Despite a very rainy Sunday, good congregations were present and in the afternoon 200 workers went out in visitation. One addition by letter. We were happy to meet some Mississippi friends.

Pastor John Dearing, Bay St. Louis, had asked us for a Sunday date which we were unable to give him so we dropped in on him Wednesday evening. He has led the people in a marvelous work. They left the old church sight in the cemetery and are in a lovely house of worship down town. A good congregation was present.

We were in morning and afternoon services at Crystal Springs, Walthall County, with Pastor and Mrs. C. O. Lindsey. The Lindseys are among our finest leaders. They work with some fine people. Over \$4000 was given or subscribed on a building. Dinner on the ground was served.

We had a delightful visit with the Ray Dykes of Tylertown.

Wesson friends did a delightful thing for the James Fairchilds and also a helpful thing Foreign Mission week. Pastor W. C. Drummond and his folks are to be congratulated in all their forward looking activities. We enjoyed being with him in a service on Monday night. The attendance and spirit were good.

Dr. P. H. Anderson, a most refreshing Christian personality, invited us down to the New Orleans Seminary for a practical activities emphasis. That faculty and student body would thrill anyone. We spoke on the activities of Jesus as set forth in Matthew 4.

Dr. W. R. Alexander of the Annuity Board came by the office for a brief visit. We greatly appreciate him, Dr. Jones, and others of the Annuity Board. They have been most helpful to us in launching the various retirement programs in our state.

Sunday we visited with Pastor Clarence Palmer, one of our most loyal and able pastors. It rained very hard yet we had a good congregation at Chalhybate in an early service and two fine congregations with dinner served at Providence.

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"The Helping Hand" is a splendid personal workers handbook by Dr. W. W. Hamilton. The price is 50c and may be secured through the Baptist Book Store.

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The Board Meeting

On page one will be found an account of the recent meeting of the Baptist Convention Board.

From many sources we have heard expressions of appreciation of the faithful work of the Board members.

Not all got ALL they desired, but there was a genuine effort to do the most with what he had.

In the next issue we plan to give an explanation of the various actions of the Convention Board.

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Quick Service

As they have done every year since we have been connected with the Baptist Record (and for some years before) Purser Brothers have done a fast and satisfactory job of printing the minutes of the Mississippi Baptist Convention.

The Convention was in session November 15-18. The Convention Board met on December 6, Purser Brothers delivered the minutes on December 6.

So far as we know, this is the fastest service enjoyed by any state convention. In fact, we recall that last year some states did not receive their minutes until late spring. Congratulations to Purser Brothers, Fred and Jack.

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The Meaning of 55-45

For many years past Mississippi Baptists have used 60 per cent of their Cooperative Program funds in the state and sent forty per cent to Southwide causes. The recent State Convention ordered that the funds be divided, 55-45. This means that fifty-five per cent is to be kept in Mississippi and forty-five sent to outside causes.

This seems to have met with universal approval. BUT if we are in favor of sending more to outside causes, we must understand that if we are to continue the same kind of program at home more money must be contributed to the Cooperative program in order for

state causes to get as much as heretofore.

In 1948 state causes received 60c out of each Co-operative program dollar. In 1949 state causes will receive only fifty-five cents. This means that in order to have as much money for state causes, our people and our churches must contribute more in 1949 than they did in 1948.

For example, if a church sent \$100 in 1948 through the Cooperative program, the same church in 1949 will need to send \$110 to the Cooperative program in order for state causes to receive \$60 as it did in 1948. In other words, each church and individual should contribute 10 per cent more in 1949 than in 1948.

We have voted for a 55-45 division. Now let's back up our vote with our dollars. A church or person giving the same in 1949 as in 1948 is simply giving less to state causes.

Let us support Southwide causes but let us also support our state causes.

Fifty-five and forty-five means we should give ten per cent more in 1949.

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Christmas Gift

We ask nothing for ourselves in the form of a Christmas gift. But we do suggest that nothing would be more suitable as a Christmas gift for that Baptist friend than a year's subscription to the BAPTIST RECORD.

Such a gift will in the coming year offer a weekly reminder of your thoughtfulness. There will be pages of inspiration and information of interest to every Baptist and every Christian. Outstanding writers of our denomination contribute to the paper as well as those charged with denominational leadership.

The BAPTIST RECORD will make an ideal Christmas gift. Send us the name of your friend and one dollar and fifty cents and state that you wish us to send a Christmas card and we will do the rest. For all of 1949 they will get the Baptist Record and in addition we will send them a card notifying them that they are receiving the Baptist Record as a gift from you. Better do it right now.

—BR—

Others Raise Prices

The State Mission budget of Arkansas Baptists contains an item of \$5,000 for the support of the Arkansas Baptists contains an item of \$5,000 for the support of the Arkansas Baptist, Arkansas Baptist state paper. The Word and Way, Missouri state paper also announces an increase in subscription rates to take care of rising paper and printing costs. The new rates

are: Every Family plan, 12c per month; Clubs of ten or more \$1.75 each; individual subscriptions \$2.00 each. The Baptist Record continues its old rates of 8 1-3 cents per month for Every Family subscriptions; clubs of ten at \$1.25 and individual subscriptions at \$1.50. In addition, the Baptist Record made a profit last Convention year of more than \$14,000.

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Does A Burnt Child Dread the Fire?

We have not been asked by the churches for any advice, but here is some that can be taken or ignored.

The advice is—don't forget the hard times that we had in paying the debts on our churches and on our agencies a few years ago.

Lawson H. Cooke, Secretary of the Southwide Brotherhood, has some sane advice along this line. What he says is written in a way that none of us can mis- understand. In fact it is so good that we reproduce it below:

It sounds reasonable. The only catch is—it isn't always true. The same child will stick the same finger in the same fire and get burned the second time worse than the first.

A few years ago we got burned for millions of dollars in church and denominational indebtedness.

According to current estimates we have already stuck our finger in the same fire to the tune of nearly fifty million dollars of building indebtedness. And in some cases the debts are out of all proportion to the financial sources of the churches. This means that church budgets will be seriously strained for many years in order to take care of the carrying charges and installment payments on these debts. Missions will consequently and inevitably suffer a severe setback.

The most dangerous time for church expansion is during a period of inflation. That is the time to save so that later on the needed expansions and improvements can be had under more stable economic conditions, and when the money saved can buy maybe twice as much as it will buy today.

It is much easier to save than it is to pay debts. Anyway, it is better to be safe than sorry.

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A Lutheran Lesson

According to the Religious News service article printed below, the Lutherans are looking ahead. Baptists need to do likewise.

The American Lutheran Church is planning a \$1,000,000 reserve fund to take care of the work when the inevitable depression comes, whether in a short while or a long while.

Many of us remember the tragic

days of our foreign mission work, as well as the depression debts. We need to learn from the business world. Business concerns have a reserve to take care of the time when business is slack and expenses are high. Our denominational organizations, and local churches should do likewise.

But read about the plan below.

FREMONT, Ohio —(RNS)— A new financial policy, designed to provide a "cushion" in the event of an economic collapse, was Lutheran Church, which also approved a 1949 budget of \$1,905,880.

Under the plan, a reserve or operating capital fund of \$1,000,000 is provided. It will be possible to spend only 25 per cent of this amount in any one year for underwriting fixed budgets.

This means that in the event contributions from church members fall off sharply there will be a fund available with which to sustain current work while steps are being taken to retrench, if that becomes necessary.

—BR—

Selected Editorial

Each week we will publish what we consider one of the best editorials coming to our attention.—
Editor.

Quarterly Long-Sightedness - and - Weekly Short-Sightedness

Now and then, Baptist and Reflector "talks shop." It does so now. The reason is that there is a short-sightedness on the part of some which ought to be changed to long-sightedness.

Churches provide Sunday School quarterlies and other departmental literature for their constituency, paying for them with funds contributed by the constituency and handled by treasurer. The purchase thereof is taken for granted. If some quarterlies are discarded or unused, the feeling is that sufficient use is made of the material to warrant the total purchase.

This is longsightedness, common sense and religion. The view is entitled to this literature and that the church ought to provide it. If some quarterlies are discarded or unused, no one is so foolish as to suggest that the church stop providing the literature.

Some Baptist church members are long-sighted on quarterlies and short-sighted on their state paper, Baptist And Reflector.

If some copies of the paper are found discarded or unused, these members begin to quibble and to demand that the paper be dropped from the budget. Probably they could find more discarded quarterlies than copies of the paper. Why do they not pick up a lot of these and go into the business session of the church and demand that the church quit providing quarterlies? Why be fair toward quarterlies and unfair toward their own paper?

There are some things presented in Baptist And Reflector which are also presented in the quarterlies, but in a somewhat different way. If these

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GOING PLACES

BY A. L. GOODRICH

SAYS BAPTIST RECORD HELPED

As further evidence that the Baptist Record does help we quote in part from a recent letter from a prominent North Mississippi Pastor:

"It took us a long time to get the Every Family plan working in our church but we finally made it, and it is helping.

"We adopted the largest budget yesterday in the history of our church and for the first time in my pastorate of _____ years there was not a vote against it.

"Since we have had the Baptist Record in our budget we have increased our giving, built a new parsonage, installed a good electric sound system, sent several hundred dollars worth of CARE packages to DP people in Europe, have had more additions to our church and better attendance upon all our services.

"The Baptist Record is our paper. I believe in it, and furthermore, I believe in the Editor."

—BR—

The Baptist Record appreciates a nice list of new and renewal subscriptions, from Coyt Church, Wayne County. The list was sent by Mrs. Frank Davis. Rev. D. C. Mason of Isney, Ala., is the pastor.

—BR—

CRANFIELD IS IN

Rev. B. T. Bishop, Jr., has only been pastor of Cranfield church for a short while but he is bringing things to pass. One thing he has brought to pass is to lead the people there to make the Baptist Record a part of their program.

Although the church is small in number, he has already enlisted more than half of the resident families as Baptist Record subscribers.

Baptist Record readers in Adams-Franklin Association are now listed as follows: Cranfield, 6; Immanuel 11; Natchez First 306; Natchez West Side, 168; Bude, 51; Concord, 2; Damascus, 38; Hamburg, 23; Hopewell, 20; Lucien, 41; McCall Creek, 16; Meadville, 59; Mt. Zion, 25; New Hope 7; New Salem, 26; Providence, 97; Quentin, 19; Ramah, 40; Roxie, 54; Sarepta, 32; Siloam, 47; Spring Hill 15.

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SELECTED EDITORIAL

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members are interested in these things in the quarterlies, why not also in their state paper? For there is the value of re-emphasis and variety-emphasis.

But Baptist And Reflector presents some things not presented in quarterlies. Some of these are: Regular reports on Tennessee Baptist churches; weekly departmental attendances; quarterly reports on the co-operative contributions of the churches and revivals and so on; announcements and write-ups of Tennessee Baptist co-operative contributions of the churches; weekly news notes and articles about pastors and churches and revivals and so on; announcements and write-ups of Tennessee Baptist co-operatives; work, denominational meetings and denominational institutions; histories of Tennessee Baptist churches, their building dedications and so on. In addition there are editorials and articles of interest to those with spiritual discernment and denominational loyalty. For the members of a Baptist church to be informed on what Baptists believe and are doing more than justifies the ex-

Graham Goes To 2nd, Tupelo



REV. GUY GRAHAM

Rev. Guy Graham has accepted the pastorate of Second Church, Tupelo. Before coming to Tupelo he was pastor of Barnsville church in Alabama and Mt. Zion Church, Tishomingo County.

Mr. Graham is a graduate of Mississippi State and for ten years he taught school. He was an Executive Board member for six years.

He and Mrs. Graham, nee Vivian Kirksey, have one son, 19, and two daughters, who are 16 and 10.

Second Church, which is of brick structure, has recently installed a baptistry. The church is looking forward to much progress under the leadership of this leading Itawamba minister.

—BR—

The great objectives of teaching should be kept in view at all times. Paul warns against being sidetracked by secondary issues. Speculative questions should have scant attention if any at all. Such discussions lead away from centralities and often to pointless debate. Every teaching road should lead to Christ. . . W. R. White in The Sunday School Builder.

Coming weekly, the state paper comes oftener than the quarterly. Since it presents more material, it naturally costs more. But even then, at the present schedule of prices, on the budget plan the paper costs only 2 1-2 cents a week per family. And if a church wants to do so, it can ask its people to put a little extra into the treasury to take care of the paper, as is done in the case of quarterlies.

The paper in the homes of the members means a better informed people. This means more money for the church and for the denomination. Surely this justifies the expenditure of 2 1-2 cents a week per family!

The promotion of Sunday School and other departmental work in the state through the paper helps in the growth of schools and other departments in the churches. This means a larger demand for departmental literature. To turn the cold shoulder to the paper is to throttle the chief promotional publication among our people in relation to the Tennessee Baptist work in which surely Baptist churches are interested.

Every Tennessee Baptist should at least be as long-sighted on his own state paper as he is on quarterlies. It is the part of wisdom for a church to provide both for its people. — BAPTIST AND REFLECTOR.

All the above applies to the Baptist Record except the price. On the EVERY FAMILY plan the cost is only 2 cents per week or 8 1-3 cents per month or \$1.00 per year.

Orphanage Family Listed

I have been asked many times for a complete list of boys and girls together with their ages and the county or community from which they came who are now making their home in the Orphanage. This is the complete list of residents as of this date. W. G. Mize, Supt.

BOYS

Charles Bankston, age 16, McCall Creek; William Claude Bell 9, Columbus; Dennis Burbank 9, Pascagoula; Walter Burrow 12, Alligator; Wiley Burrow 16, Alligator; James Wiley Byrd 9, Vicksburg; Billy Ray Chain 10, Mendenhall; Tommy Chain 12, Mendenhall; Bobby Demonia 9, Smith County; Johnny Elrod — in college 20, McComb; Richard Farmer 5, Jackson; Rhuford Farmer 12, Jackson; Glen Ferguson 11, Oxford.

Aubert James Files 14, Meridian; Donald Lee Files 15, Meridian; Jimmy Flaherty 11, Pontotoc County; Otto Gill, Jr. 5, McComb; Bobby Guy 10, Petal; Bobby Hamilton 11, Laurel; Perry Hamilton 8, Laurel; Fred Hanberry 12, Sumrall; Curtis Hancock 10, New Albany; James Hancock 7, New Albany; James Martain Hand 8, Meridian; Robert Hand 4, Meridian; Dan Holland 6, Carroll; James Harris Holland 5, Carroll; Glen Earl Holland 13, Eupora; James Everett Holland 15, Eupora; Russell Hutchins 12, Jackson; Jackie Hutchins 10, Jackson; Jerry Hutchins 8, Jackson; Charles Frederick Jones 5, Jackson; Henry Wilson Jones 8, Covington; Thaddeus Jones 15, Jackson; Wallace Jones 13, Jackson; Elbert Kethley 18, Vicksburg; Leon Kethley 16, Vicksburg; Richard Kethley 13, Vicksburg; Sherron Lee 8, Neshoba; Max Lee 10, Neshoba; Dallas Wayne Martin 6, Belzoni; William Earl Martin 9, Belzoni; Walker Morris 18, Star; John Charles Meaney 10, Jackson; Howard McLendon 5, Simpson; James McLeondon 7, Simpson; Ralph Odom 6, Noxapater; Charles Odom 12, Noxapater; Troy Odom 13, Noxapater; Glenn Oglesby 19, Franklin; Lenox Oglesby — in college 18, Franklin; Melvin Oglesby 14, Franklin; Harold Paul 11, Clinton; Russell Penton 13, Poplarville; Charles Pittinger 10, Pascagoula; Jimmy Pittinger 5, Pascagoula; Laverne Power 14, Columbus; Bennie Ray Rustin 11, Jones County; Joe Rustin 13, Jones County; Sammie Rustin 16, Jones County; John Andrew Smith 11, Summerland; John Lawrence Smith 8, Summerland; Joseph Melvin Smith 7, Summerland; Tommy Strahan 7, Gulfport; Ray Stuart 10, Philadelphia; Joe Kenneth Vinzant 6, Raleigh; Charlie Wells 11, Lincoln; Heucks Retreat; Tommie Wells 8, Lincoln; Heucks Retreat;

GIRLS

Sadie Lea Baber 19, Farrell; Georgia Lou Barlow 9, Copiah; Hugh Fay Barlow 10, Copiah; Jewell Yvonne Barlow 11, Copiah; Carol Jean Bates 9, Osyka; Wilma Louise Bates 15, Osyka; Bessie Lee Bates 13, Osyka; Alene Bridges 13, Fairview-Coahoma; Charlene Bridges 11, Fairview-Coahoma; Madine Bryan 13, Jackson; Madge Bryan 16, Jackson; Anne Bell 8, Columbus; Elizabeth Byrd 14, Vicksburg; Grace Byrd 12, Vicksburg; Linda Sue Byrd 4, Vicksburg; Fern Byrd 13, Hattiesburg; Fannie Jo Chain 7, Mendenhall; Anna Belle Coker 13, Pearson; Annie Ruth Coker 10, Pearson; Dorothy Cook 12, Aberdeen; Edith Mae Craddock 11, Picayune; Hilda Fay Craddock 8, Picayune; Audrey Farmer 11, Jackson; Linda Kay Farmer 4, Jackson; Katie Ferguson — in Nurse Training 20, McComb; Helen Gill 9, McComb; Mary Sue Gill 7, McComb; Betty Guy 10, Petal; Juanita Hamilton 14, Laurel; Diane Hamilton 7, Laurel; Barbara Hanberry 11, Sumrall; Ruby Nell Hanberry 10, Natchez; Barbara Hand 11, Meridian; Beryl Hand 6, Meridian; Mellie Marie Hesler 6, Biloxi; Patsy Gale Hesler 7, Biloxi; Clara Ann Holland 9, Carroll; Vera Sue Hutchins 9, Jackson; Claudia Jones 6, Jackson; Florence Jones 9, Jackson; Patsy Jones 6, Covington; Margie Nell Lee 7, Neshoba; Owana Lee 13, Neshoba; Rachel Lee 12, Neshoba; Patricia Ann Martin 4, Belzoni; Geraldine

Slovak Police Close Baptist Churches

PRAGUE —(RNS)— Czech Protestant church bodies have protested the closing of ten Baptist churches in Slovakia by local police officials.

Church leaders here said it was not clear why the churches were closed, but some expressed belief that the police action was caused by suspicion that the churches, which are not State-recognized, were "subversive or under foreign influence."

One of the groups protesting the closings was the Lutheran Church in Slovakia, which adopted a resolution interceding from the Baptist congregations.

The Federal Council of Protestant Churches here sent letters of protest to the Ministry of Interior, the Ministry of Education and Cults and the Central Action Committee replied by saying the matter would be investigated.

Another action taken by the Council was to send Dr. Joseph Bartak, a Methodist, who is secretary of the church body, to discuss the situation with an official of the Slovak government who is in charge of church affairs. Dr. Bartak said he was assured by the official that the matter would be investigated and "righted."

Dr. Bartak stressed to the Slovak official that closing of the Baptist churches was not only in conflict with the constitution but would have "bad repercussions abroad." He also pointed out, he said, that suspicion of the Baptists in Czechoslovakia is unfounded and that Baptists, in the United States especially, have been active in promoting the cause of world peace.

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Every Baptist Is A Tither

JASPER, Ark. —(BP)— At Deer Baptist Church, it's really "every Baptist a tither."

Pastor John Stratton announced that each of the 40 members of this church has pledged a tithe of their income through the church for 1949.

This is believed to be the first church in the Southern Baptist Convention to achieve the goal embodied in the denomination's titling slogan.

Miller 10, Jackson; Kay Morrison 8, Jackson; Fay Morrison 8, Jackson; Mary Muir 8, Sallis; Martha Muir 9, Sallis; Lucy Jane McLeod 11, Harrisville; Elizabeth McLendon 9, Mendenhall; Barbara O'Brian 15; Sallis; Nina Jean Oglesby 16; Franklin; Dixie Nell Penton 10, Poplarville; Edna Earl Penton 14, Poplarville; Mary Jo Pittinger 13, Pascagoula; Maxine Pittinger 16, Pascagoula; Ann Pittinger 7, Pascagoula; Evelyn Power 10, Columbus; Sandra Power 6, Columbus; Marie Rustin 14, Laurel;

Jean Simpson 17, Holcomb; Joan Simpson — in college 18, Holcomb; Joyce Simpson 14, Holcomb; Barbara Jean Smith 13, Summerland; Patricia Smith 10, Summerland; Carolyn Strahan 10, Gulfport; Betty Strahan 14, Gulfport; Linda Vinzant 12, Raleigh; Homer Dean Warren 11, Union; Ollie Mae Warren 14, Union; Annie Mae Wells 17, Lincoln-Heucks Retreat; Glean Ann Wells 14, Lincoln-Heucks Retreat; Audrey Westrope 12, Port Gibson; Bobbie Earl Westrope 16, Port Gibson; Carolyn Whatley 15, West Point; Barbara Sue Winsett 11, Booneville; Betty Jane Winsett 8, Booneville; Lena Mae Winsett 10, Booneville; Vera Ann Winsett 14, Booneville; Dorothy Woods 15, French Camp; Hazel Woods 12, French Camp; Barbara Wright 13, Jackson; Patsy Wright 14, Jackson; Mancel Yarborough 16, Hattiesburg;

SUNDAY SCHOOL DEPARTMENT

E. C. WILLIAMS, Secretary
MISS CAROLYN MADISON, Elementary Secretary,
MRS. P. C. FRENCH, Office Secretary

THE EXTENSION DEPARTMENT HELPS THE SUNDAY SCHOOL ENROLMENT TO GROW

Is your church building overcrowded? Even though the space in your church is limited, you may increase your enrolment through the Extension department since its ministry is carried on in the homes.

One of the largest Extension departments that we have a record of is in the First Baptist Church, Richmond, Va. Three hundred members, all regularly enrolled in the Sunday school, are ministered to by 35 visitors in this great church. Through the 30 years that this Extension department has been successfully operated, scores have been transferred into the regular classes of the Sunday school.

Over three million adults in our Convention territory cannot attend Sunday school because of age, health, or Sunday work. A goal has been set to reach 50,000 of these this year. A minimum of ten for each church seems reasonable and right.

Surely the churches of Mississippi will accept this challenge to go as Jesus went, into the homes and places of business, through the Extension department. All Southern Baptist churches are requested to strengthen their Extension department work during December.

"Go ye . . ." was Jesus' command to the redeemed—to all Christians—to the Extension worker.

Organize your Extension workers NOW for this blessed task.

STANDARDS

The following Sunday schools have recently become standard: Calhoun City, Rev. J. D. Walker, pastor, Mr. N. L. Lackey, superintendent; Hattiesburg, Fifth Avenue, Dr. J. C. Murphy, pastor, Mr. Carl Bond, superintendent; Springfield Scott county, Rev. G. W. Smith, pastor, Mr. J. B. Winstead, superintendent; Oak Hill, Pearl River association, Rev. D. Wade Smith, pastor, Mr. R. L. McWilliams, superintendent.

Departments: Parkway Jackson, Beginner II, Miss Carolyn Madison, superintendent, and Beginner III, Mrs. O. C. Strickland, superintendent.

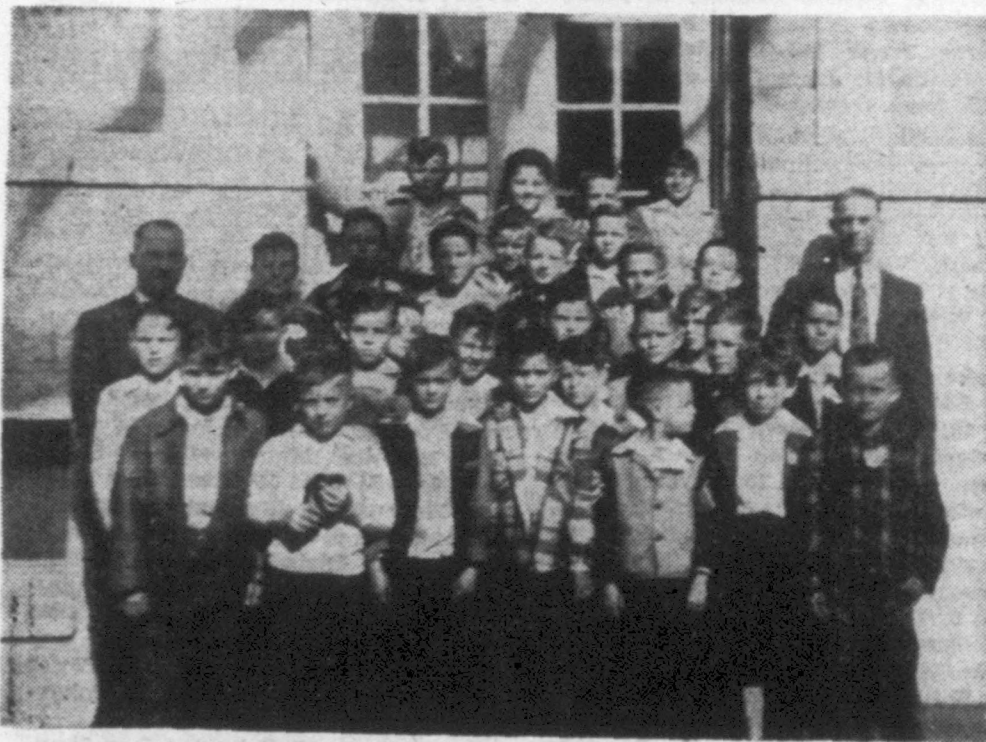
BROADMAN COMMENTS

Broadman Comments, 1949 will be larger than previous editions. Completely redesigned this usable, new lesson help comes from the pen of that able and experienced writer, Dr. R. Paul Caudill. Dr. Caudill is pastor of the First Baptist Church, Memphis, Tenn. He is chairman of the Relief Committee of the Baptist World Alliance, and a member of the Executive Committee of the Southern Baptist Convention.

This comprehensive volume is characterized by clarity of comment and simplicity of form. Sunday school teachers and class members will find new Broadman Comments a book of helpful, practical aid to understanding the International Uniform Series Sunday school lessons.

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SILVER CREEK AND MONTICELLO RA'S



Shown above is a group of Royal Ambassadors who recently visited the Baptist building. While here they were shown every department and in addition the Mailing department demonstrated how the Baptist Record lists are kept and how the Baptist Records are mailed by the high speed mailing machines.

The Royal Ambassadors were from Monticello and Calvary church at Silver Creek. They are:

The following are the two R. A. groups which came last week, Monticello Church and Calvary Church, Silver Creek:

Robert Burkett, Mack Hedgepeth, William Hathorn, Joe Pat Lambert, Grady Lambert, Jerry Lambert, Franklin Graves, Leon Murray Billy Honea, James Wilson, Dale Barnes, Mitchell Davis, Charles Nelson, Mac Dale, Robert Russell, Jerry Reid, Richard Neal,

and Rev. D. O. Horne Monticello; Roy Stephens, Roger Wade Fortenberry, Jack Welborn, Tilman Garrick, John Riley, Jerry Riley, Billy Myers, Maurice Jordan, Jeff Russell Jordan, Curtis Roy Willis, Buddy Clark, Van Kelly Rester, and Rev. J. G. Flynt, Silver Creek.

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Small wonder many Christians stumble and fall, considering the feeble light they carry.

BAPTIST STUDENT UNION

BOX 530 - - - PHONE 2-1600 - - - JACKSON
CHAS. W. HORNER, Secretary

THE BOARD MEETING

We are thankful to the Lord that at the recent State Convention Board meeting we were given \$13,000 for BSU Campus Work, supplementing the salaries of our Local BSU Secretaries, and \$6,000 for the State BSU Department. The BSU Committee recommendations appear in part in the report of the board meeting elsewhere in this issue. One of the best things for us passed by the Board was the recommendation that any part of these allocations not used by the school to which they are made may be used on some other campus upon the recommendation of the State BSU Secretary to the Executive Committee of the Board.

In addition to the campus appropriations made by our State Board, further appropriations from the Sunday School Board are to be made. We are hoping that these will be at least as large if not larger than they were last year.

POTPOURRI

Arnette McCoy is student chairman for Clarke's Focus Week in Mar. Five bags of clothing for World Relief had been collected at last report. We still have some Student Night at Christmas programs for pastors and student leaders. Let's tell the home folks about the purpose, work and worth of BSU this Christmastime. . . Twenty-seven of a few more than sixty Baptists at Belhaven are members of some Jackson church. One was recently converted, 30 is average attendance at daily prayer meeting, ten

visited the Baptist Orphanage from there in recent days. Also, Belhaven, along with Perk Jr. and Southwest Jr., has a brand new BSU paper, yet unnamed. Perk's is "The BSU Beam" and Southwest's, "The Summit of BSU." . . . From Perk comes word that they have already sent clothes to "relief" and clothes and money to the Baptist Orphanage. . . Student Sec'y Dora Etta Solomon of Pearl River Jr. sends us their campus Thanksgiving Worship Service jointly sponsored by the Wesley Foundation and the BSU, which is easily one of the best we've ever seen. . . Joe Barber says he could go to Stockholm. Do you want to send him? Let's do. Total expense will be about \$1,000. . . Please pray for the meeting this week of Student Secretaries from all over the South. . . Trying to decide what to give for Christmas? If you want to give something that will really help somebody who's not afraid to think and who wants the truth, give a subscription to *Between the Lines*, only a dollar annually. Send dollar or dollars to Chas. A. Wells, 152 Madison Ave., New York 16, N. Y. We're receiving no commissions or special favors for mentioning this; we're just interested in seeing the truth propagated. . .

Delta State BSUs have a choir which sings in Cleveland church Sunday nights. Also, they are conducting mission work periodically at Mound City. . . At Woman's College, the Master's Minority meets on Saturday nights, and 40 students recently participated in jail services, hospital visitation, child evangelism. . .

W. D. STEEN

Brother W. D. Steen lived to claim many divine promises. By honoring his parents his days were long upon the land which the Lord giveth.

By his faith in Christ he claimed the promise of eternal life when sixteen. He was for seventy-one years, a consistent member of the Steen's Creek Baptist church, Florence, Mississippi. He was zealous for his church to the end of his days.

His memory served him well until his home-going Thursday afternoon, December 2, 1948. There were no fears or shadows, but light at evening time, his path brightening unto the perfect day.

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Bible Reading Selections

Below are given the selections for the Thanksgiving to Christmas Bible reading program.

The selections will appear weekly until Christmas.

Day	December	Chapter
19	Mark	4
20	Matthew	5
21	Matthew	6
22	Matthew	7
23	Isaiah	2:1-5:9:1-7
24	Isaiah	11:1-9; 40:1-11
25	Matthew	2

—BR—

Miss Rebecca Tune, Tupelo, has been elected art director for the Baptist Student Union Council at Blue Mountain College. She also has served in this capacity on the Young Woman's Auxiliary Council.

Charity Hospital, The Cripple Children's Convescent Home, the County Jail and the Old Men's Home. From day to day, other services are rendered as the need is brought to their attention.

MC BSU Purchases Mission Bus

Seven Points Visited Weekly

The Mississippi College Baptist Student Union (BSU) has completed its campaign for funds and has purchased the new mission bus. The bus has an International chassis with a Blue Bird body and is equipped with vacuum brakes and an efficient heating system. It comfortably and safely seats 28. The blue body trimmed in gold denotes the Choctaw colors.

The Ministerial Association campaigned for this fund for more than a year, and turned it over to the BSU this fall. Student teams presented the need and took special offerings in 21 churches.

In addition to about 20 individuals and C. C. Majors of Morton, who saved a sizable sum by handling the purchase of the bus, the students express their gratitude to the following churches: Bassfield; Baldwin; Briar Hill, Florence; Brookhaven, First; Boyle; Bay Springs; Collins; Fellowship, Lorman; Greenville, East; Greenville, Second; Pelahatchie; Greenwood, First; Pine Bluff, Hazlehurst; Prentiss; Meridian, Poplar Springs Drive; New Hope, Drew; Shelby; Morrison Chapel, Merigold; First Church, Rayville, La.; Portland, Tenn.; Jackson, Calvary; Louisville, First; Pattison; Spring Hill, Oakland; Union and McComb.

The students pledge the service of the bus to the advancement of Christ's kingdom. The Mission Band conducts services in the following seven points weekly: The Old Ladies' Home, The Veterans Hospital, The City Jail, The

-- Woman's Missionary Union --

President—Mrs. Wilma B. Sledge, Jackson; Exec. Sec'y—Miss Edwina Robinson
Young People's Sec'y. — Miss Nell Taylor

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Trinity Baptist Church, Fulton
Under the direction of Mrs. Ollie Coggins, the women of Trinity Baptist Church, Fulton, Mississippi met in the home of Mrs. S. L. Dozier to organize a Woman's Missionary Union. The meeting was opened by prayer led by Brother Estes and the Hymn "Send the Light" was sung, then Officers were elected as follows: Mrs. R. L. Senter, President; Mrs. S. L. Dozier, Community Mission Chairman; Mrs. Ruth Grimes and Miss Hermine Graham Associates to Mrs. Dozier; Mrs. Melvin Steele, Stewardship leader with all women of the new Society subscribed for The Royal Service Magazine as follows: Miss Eunice Sandlin, Mrs. R. L. Senter Mrs. Ruth Grimes, Miss Hermine Graham, Mrs. S. L. Dozier, Mrs. Melvin Steele and Mrs. Ollie Coggins.

1948 STUDENT NAMES OF PARTICULAR INTEREST TO W.M.U. ORGANIZATIONS

MISSISSIPPI GIRLS ENROLLED IN TRAINING SCHOOLS:

W. M. U. TRAINING SCHOOL (2801 Lexington Road, Louisville 6, Ky.)

Helen Dale Armstrong, S. (Georgetown).

Betty Jane Hammett, J. (Canton).

Cita Harris, S. (Clinton).

Emma Grace Ross, J. (Pelahatchie).

Mary Nelle Smith, J. (Blue Mountain).

Martha Richardson, S. (Hazlehurst).

Frances Jane Thompson, J. (Drew).

SOUTHWESTERN BAPTIST SEMINARY (Seminary Hill Station, Fort Worth, Texas).

Edith Adams, S. (Jackson).

Sybil Deweese, S. (Philadelphia).

Corrine Griffin, J. (Picayune).

Myra Gullede, J. (Meridian).

Erlene Howard, S. (Starkville).

Rachel Waggener, J. (Jackson).

Margaret Wilson, S. (Starkville).

Evelyn Winter, J. (?)

NEW ORLEANS BAPTIST SEMINARY (1220 Washington Avenue, New Orleans 13, La.)

Ruth Dickerson, J. (Bogue Chitto).

Mary Freeman, S. (Decatur).

MARGARET FUND STUDENTS ENROLLED IN COLLEGES IN MISSISSIPPI:

Rosaline Owens, B. M. C., (parents were in Palestine).

Mary Ellen Simpson, B. M. C., (parents are missionaries to Indians in Miss.)

Katie Mae Tubby, Clarke College, (father is Choctaw Indian pastor and part time worker for Home Mission Board).

Charles Woolforth, Holmes Jr. College, Goodman, Miss., (mother works at Rachel Sims Mission in New Or-

leans La.)

MISSISSIPPI CHOCTAW INDIANS IN SCHOOL AWAY FROM HOME:

CLARKE MEMORIAL COLLEGE (Newton, Miss.)

Fannie Lou Ben, Freshman in COLLEGE.

Kattie Mae Tubby, h. s. (high school).

Heneriatta Gibson, h. s.

Evelyn Wishork, h. s.

Rev. and Mrs. Clay Gibson, h. s.

Rev. J. C. Allen.

Henry Ben, h. s.

CHILCOCCO INDIAN GOVERNMENT SCHOOL (Chilocco, Oklahoma).

Delores Jimmie, senior in h. s.

Grace Ben, senior in h. s.

Bonnie Kate Bell, h. s.

Frank Henry, h. s.

CHEROKEE INDIAN GOVERNMENT SCHOOL (Cherokee, North Carolina).

Sarah Tubby, h. s.

Claudine Thompson, h. s.

Oniva Thompson, h. s.

HASKELL INSTITUTE (Lawrence, Kansas).

Elton Gardner, h. s.

BLUE MOUNTAIN COLLEGE (Blue Mountain, Miss.)

Collee York, freshmen in COLLEGE.

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SOSO CHURCH TO SPEND CHRISTMAS WEEK HAVING YOUTH REVIVAL

Seven Team Members Expected

"Christ Above All" will be the theme for the Youth Revival to be held at Soso Church December 19-24. Pastor John L. Gilbert has announced the following as members of the Youth Revival team: Paul Williamson of Bob Jones College, Pete Evans of Mississippi College, and Charles Ray of the New Orleans Seminary, preachers; Miss Betty Jo Rasberry of Mississippi College and Miss Evelyn Clarke, pianists; Miss Aimee Gene Tindall of MSCW and Miss Geneva Davis of Mississippi College, soloists.

Services will be held each morning at 8:15 in the high school auditorium, taking the place of the chapel period for the high school students. Evening services will begin at 7 p. m. Following each evening service there will be a fellowship period.

In 1947 Christmas week was used by Soso Church to have a Youth Revival. The visible results were remarkable. Approximately 35 were converted, most of whom were adults. The memory of those gains for Christ causes the people of Soso to eagerly look forward to the coming revival.

SALEM CHURCH GROUP, COVINGTON COUNTY



Shown above is group of intermediates and their counselors from Salem church, Covington county. Rev. J. Reese Rogers is the pastor. In the picture are:

MISS. COLLEGE PARAGRAPH

By Dr. D. M. Nelson, President

The building part of our Enlargement Program will soon be history. The last units will be completed and occupied the first of the year. We are now ready to launch out on the second part—the increasing of the endowment to a minimum of a million dollars. "Hitherto hath the Lord helped us whereof we are glad." By the exercise of faith and trust, confidence and obedience, He will lead on to another victory.

Income from endowment enable a denominational college to compete with a tax supported institution. It is used to reduce the instructional cost to a student. In a standard college like Mississippi College, it is supposed that the student pays about one half of the instructional cost. The other half is to be paid by income from endowment and monthly contributions from the supporting denomination. In this way, many a young person of limited means can attend our Christian colleges without being penalized financially.

Endowment also stabilizes an institution. It gives it standing in the educational world and serves as a bulwark against the flow of the oft recurring repression years. Then, too, since Mississippi College is a non-profit institution, the income from all sources being turned back into the upkeep and operation, the more income there is to be properly expended the better the opportunities offered to the young people, our future leaders, who choose to come here.

The Bible is central at Mississippi College. Recognizing this, a few years ago a movement was started to raise \$100,000 to endow the Chair of Bible. It is to be known as the M. O. Patterson Chair of Bible, in memory of the great Bible teacher M. O. Patterson. A little over one-third of the necessary amount has been raised. Unless otherwise designated, the contributions to the endowment of Mississippi College will be applied on this worthy object until the goal is reached.

There are other noble teachers who have served here and whom so many remember tenderly and affectionately. Any one is free to designate any amount he is able to give as a memorial to a favored teacher in the department in which he wrought.

These are the visitors Intermediate Department and counselors from Salem Church at Collins: Roger Burkett Speed, Geneva Clark, David Herrin, Iva Jean Speed, Jean Clair Stubbs, Floy Blanche Speed, Judy Huff, Vivian Eve Spell, Elizabeth Pickering, Lynette Broome, Jeff Speed, Willie Burl Mathis, James Valentine, Linda Jordan, Norflet Sullivan, Mary Ruth Speed, Annie Lois Harven, Georgia Herrin, Catherine Grantham, Kenneth Allen Thames, Jane Spell, Pat Pickering, Charles Grantham, Kirby Thames, Mrs. C. C. Rogers, Mrs. Marvin Broome, and L. D. Valentine.

'TAKE-IT-BACK' DAY Mission Offering

ST. PETERSBURG, Fla.—Borrowers were kept busy returning hymnals, silver and other items when the First Baptist church here held a "take-it-back" day.

Individual members liked the idea so much they even returned screw drivers, umbrellas, egg-beaters and other utensils they had long ago borrowed from other members.

The church hopes the idea will spread throughout the nation.

Some have already been started. The Provine Chair of Chemistry, the Aven-Latimer Chair of Ancient Languages, the Wallace Chair of History have a beginning. There may be those who would like to set up other memorials, maybe to some loved one. In all cases, the wishes of the donors will be strictly observed.

The Clinton Baptist Church observed another Mississippi College Day, Sunday November 7. A free-will offering was taken. There was no pressure of any kind, no solicitation, only an announcement of the amount needed to complete the building program without debt. The response was generous, as it has been so many times before. Sixteen hundred and forty-eight dollars and eighty - five cents were contributed. This amount will doubtless run to the \$2,000 mark. This little church has given well over \$20,000 on the Enlargement Program of Mississippi College. Only the great First Church at Jackson has exceeded this amount. May the Lord lead many of our churches to observe a Mississippi College Day in the near future and take a free-will offering for the Endowment phase of the Enlargement Program of Mississippi College.

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field for which application is made to the extent that knowledge may be had for the prospects for growth, as well as to see the progress of the church that has been had in the past. It further stated that some set rule would be in order to eliminate requests of churches who make it a habit of filing applications year after year and show no growth or development to give testimony that aid has been wisely spent. It was also the opinion of the Committee that some churches make applications for more monies than are actually needed and the Committee felt that churches should refrain from such practices.

Church Building Evangelism \$25,000

The report on Church Building Evangelism was presented by Rev. Gordon Sansing and adopted as follows:

CHURCH	ASSOCIATION	GRANTED
Golden Central	Tishomingo	\$ 150
Immanuel	Adams-Franklin	400
Success	Gulf Coast	200
Mission of Gulfport 1st		
Calvary	Mississippi	100
Pineville Mission of Pass Christian 1st	Gulf Coast	175
Wesson	Copiah	4000
Midway	Hinds	150
Calvary	Wayne	700
Gholson	Noxubee	75
New Prospect	Lincoln	(seating) 200
Union	Rankin	200
Mt. Vernon	Lefflore	600
Oak Grove	Mississippi	200
Bellevue	Pontotoc	150
Swiftwater	Deer Creek	25
Coats	Simpson	100
Greenland	Newton	50
Riverside	Lawrence	200
Indian Springs	Winston	60
Yazoo City, Second	Yazoo	200
Blaine	Sunflower	200
Center Terrace	Madison	500
Mt. Horeb	Covington	150
Macedonia	New Choctaw	400
Hopewell	New Choctaw	750
Bogue Chitto	New Choctaw	300
Mission	Montgomery	80
New Prospect	Leake	200
New Haven	Hinds	100
Shady Grove	Smith	200
Calvary	Deer Creek	500
Grace	Yazoo	100
Big Creek	Calhoun	300
Tuscumbia	Prentiss	150
Friendship	Jackson	(Pastorium) 400
Hurley	Jackson	400
Key Field	Lauderdale	200
Mission		
Madison	Madison	100
River Avenue	Lebanon	100
Tucker's	Jones	250
Crossing		
Holly Grove	Sunflower	150
Puckett	Rankin	500
Franklin	Madison	125
Big Ridge	Gulf Coast	100
Homewood	Scott	150
Center Hill	Coldwater	100
Agricola	George	200
Emmanuel	Hinds	100
South McComb	Pike	300
Big Springs	Lincoln	100
Eastside	Rankin	300
Woodlawn	Warren	350
Unity	Attala	100
Macedonia	Calhoun	250
Beulah	Holmes	100
Antioch	Monroe	75
Athens	Monroe	225
Immanuel, Vicksburg	Warren	250
Wiggins	Leake	105
Glade	Jones	200
Beacon St.	Neshoba	200
Macedonia	Lee	50
West Heights	Pontotoc	300
Center Ridge	Yazoo	200

Thaxton	Pontotoc	50
Sileam	Adams-Franklin	150
Mt. Morgan	Hinds	50
Trinity	Itawamba	325
Carmel	Lauderdale	400
Plymouth	Columbus	200
Handshore	Gulf Coast	300
Sharon	Jones	50
Hardy	Grenada	400
Calvary	Perry	100
West End	George	100
Mission, Lucedale		
Bay Springs	Jasper	50
Kemps Chapel	Alcorn	100
Union	Panola	200
Deerbrook	Noxubee	50
Alta Woods	Hinds	300
Irene Chapel	Lebanon	400
Antioch	Holmes	150
Love Joy	Alcorn	80
Pulaski	Scott	100
Second Baptist	Gulf Coast	100
Elim	Noxubee	150

The Committee reported that many of the churches making application for building aid and pastoral aid failed to properly fill out the application blanks. It was ordered that applications not properly filled out be sent to the moderator or Convention Board member in the association to be properly filled out and returned. When the application is properly filled out and returned, the appropriation can then be sent to the respective churches.

The report on BSU was read by Rev. R. A. Morris who stated: "We wish to re-affirm our conviction of the value of the work of the BSU. . . We express our appreciation of the work done by our Secretary Charles W. Horner. Because of the limited amount of funds available, we are not able to recommend any new work being begun at any school. We recommend that the budget of \$13,000 be allocated as follows, and recommend the following student secretaries:

1. University of Mississippi	Marian Leavell	\$1700
2. Mississippi State College	S. A. Salter	1700
3. Mississippi Southern College	Riley Munday	1500
4. M. S. C. W.	Mrs. Robert Lewis	1200
5. Delta State College	Mrs. John Merrill, Jr.	1200
6. Mississippi College	Charles M. Talbert	600
7. Blue Mountain College	Helen Bolt	600
8. Clarke College	Lonie Farmer	600
9. Jones Junior College	Betty Hubbard	600
10. East Central Junior College		600
11. Southwest Junior College	Beverly Hodges	600
12. Perkinson Junior College	Mrs. W. F. Haley	600
13. Pearl River Junior College	Dora Etta Soloman	600
14. Sunflower Junior College	Nell Magee	600
15. Woman's College (part-time)	Kathleen Taylor	300

Concerning the Radio work, Dr. John W. Landrum, reporting for the Radio Committee, made the following recommendations:

1. That a standing committee of six, to be designated as the "Mississippi Baptist Radio Committee," be selected from the Board to administer the Mississippi Baptist Hour and to study, plan, promote, and carry out the 1946 mandate to establish permanent facilities as soon as practicable, and that these six members be carefully selected for their experience, knowledge, and interest in Radio, and that they elect their own officers.
2. That this committee work in complete cooperation with the Executive Secretary and that preference be given to Board employees for business management and programming; and that a

close relationship be maintained with the Radio Commission of the Southern Baptist Convention.

3. That all funds now accrued to Radio be placed in one account, and that authority be given to make necessary expenditures for the Mississippi Baptist Hour until 1949 funds become available; and that the accrued balance after these expenditures be used only for purposes in connection with permanent facilities, including Radio Committee meetings and purchase of equipment which can be used at present with the Mississippi Baptist Hour and in the future as a part of permanent facilities.

4. That all programs be centered around a positive Evangelistic emphasis.

Workers Named

The Committee on Nominations recommend through its chairman, Dr. Fred B. Moseley, the following workers: EXECUTIVE SECRETARY, Dr. D. A. McCall; BAPTIST RECORD EDITOR, A. L. Goodrich; SUNDAY SCHOOL DEPARTMENT: E. C. Williams, Secretary, Rev. Paul Booth Assistant Secretary, Miss Carolyn Madison Elementary Workers; TRAINING UNION DEPARTMENT, Auber J. Wilds, Secretary, W. C. Morgan, Assistant Secretary, Miss Louise Hill, field worker; BROTHERHOOD SECRETARY, W. R. Roberts; BSU SECRETARY, Charles W. Horner; WMU DEPARTMENT, Miss Edwina Robinson, Secretary; Miss Nell Taylor, Young People's Secretary; TEMPERANCE DEPARTMENT, Dr. W. L. Holcomb, Secretary, Institutional visitation, Rev. J. B. Parker, Secretary; DEPARTMENT OF EVANGELISM AND STEWARDSHIP, Rev. M. J. Gilbert, Secretary.

The following standing committees were also named by the Committee on Nominations and elected by the Board:

EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE: Rev. H. H. Aultman, Rev. Wayne Alliston, Rev. W. L. Meadows, E. D. Hurst, Dr. Fred B. Moseley, Dr. F. K. Horton, H. A. Scott, Rev. C. W. Thompson, and Rev. M. D. Morton

CO-OPERATIVE PROGRAM COMMITTEE: Rev. R. C. Holcomb, Dr. J. W. Landrum, Rev. L. G. Sansing, Marion Perry, Dr. Charlie Treadway, Rev. T. R. Coulter, and Rev. R. R. Brigrance.

MISSISSIPPI BAPTIST RADIO COMMITTEE: Rev. A. L. Gatewood, Dr. S. R. Woodson, Rev. H. D. Jordan, Rev. R. A. Morris, Rev. Herman Milner, and Dr. Glen E. Wiley.

COMMITTEE ON NEGRO WORK: Dr. J. D. Ray, Dr. F. K. Horton, and Rev. Fred B. Bookter.

SOCIAL SERVICE COMMISSION: Dr. O. P. Estes, Rev. Kermit Canterbury, Rev. J. R. Reedy, Rev. J. H. Cothen, and Rev. Carey Cox.

In order to clarify action taken at the previous Convention Board meeting, it was voted that \$10,000 appropriated to each of the four churches—Newton Church, Newton; Immanuel, Hattiesburg; Clinton Church, Clinton, and Lowrey Memorial, Blue Mountain—be placed in the Foundation and be made available to these churches with the understanding that they qualify within a reasonable length of time.

A Committee was appointed to study the work of the Visitation and Temperance Departments and make recommendations to the Pre-Convention Board meeting in 1949.

Rev. E. S. Flynt, pastor, presented a request from the West Gulfport Church that Dr. D. A. McCall, the Executive Secretary, be authorized to deed over to West Gulfport Church six lots in Gulfport owned by the Board. The request was granted.

January 23 was named as American Bible Society Sunday, at which time all churches will be invited to

make an offering to the Society.

Rev. Kermit Canterbury, in presenting the report on BTU, expressed commendation for the work of Mr. Wilds and his fine staff of workers and heartily commended the plans for the future. The Committee also urged each pastor to give his whole-hearted cooperation.

The work of the Sunday School Department was highly commended and through Rev. Luther K. Turner, this committee made the following recommendations: 1. That the Sunday School Secretary plan out a program for the Daily Vacation Bible School work with all the necessary material for a better and greater service in that field of labor; 2. That one of the departmental workers be assigned for this work and give them the special duties connected with same during the summer months.

Evangelism Emphasized

The Committee on Evangelism gave hearty commendation to the program of Evangelism, and commended Dr. McCall, Executive Secretary, and Rev. Martin J. Gilbert, Secretary of the Department. It also expressed commendation for the Evangelistic Program of the Home Mission Board and for the Mississippi Baptist Radio Program. The Committee, through Dr. G. E. Wiley, made the following recommendations:

1. That the pastors of our state seek an opportunity and undertake to hold at least one revival in some unchurched area.
2. That the pastors endeavor to enlist their laymen in conducting a similar campaign in such unchurched areas.
3. That the Radio Committees be requested to continue to give special attention to evangelistic messages from time to time.
4. That the Committee on Order of Business for our 1949 session of the Mississippi Baptist Convention allocate at least one hour to the important subject of evangelism, and that they be instructed to invite some outstanding southwide leader in the field of evangelism to address the Convention.
5. That we look forward with genuine anticipation to the time when the Mississippi Baptist Convention Board will establish a Department of Evangelism with a full time paid director to lead our people in this highly important matter of winning the lost to Christ.

Dr. Charles Treadway presented the report on Ministers Retirement. The report called attention to the fact that out of 1592 Mississippi churches only 739 are participating in the Ministers Retirement Plan and of the approximate 750 pastors, only 520 are in the plan. There are 120 participating in the Widows Supplemental Annuity Plan. The Committee recommended:

1. That the Relief and Annuity Board be commended for a job well done in providing such security for Baptist ministers and their wives.
2. That the plans be promoted among Mississippi Baptists, with the goal of securing the participation of all ministers and others who are eligible for such protection, and that the promotion be done in the following manner.

(1) Copies of all informative literature, application blanks, etc. be sent to each person not participating now.

(2) Promotion based on associational unit of organization — with at least one keyman in each district visiting the associations arranging for meetings at stated times with the pastors and at least one layman from each church present. The purpose of these meetings shall be the presentation of Retirement and Widows Supplemental Plans, answering of questions, and assisting churches and pastors in making application for participation.

(3) The expense of travel by these Key-men be paid for out of funds allocated for

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the promotion of the Annuity Plans among Mississippi Baptists.

3. We recommend that the churches be urged to make an offering at the observance of the Lord's Supper for the relief of those ministers that have not participated in this plan.

E. D. Hurst presented the report of the Brotherhood Department and stated that during the year 76 new Brotherhoods had been formed. There are now 235 local Brotherhoods. The report also stated "We commend the work done and encourage the program and budget offered for the new year as the program is an investment for missions and evangelism."

Cooperative Program Goal Set At \$1,000,000

The Cooperative Program goal for 1949 was set at \$1,000,000. The 1948 Co-operative Program receipts were \$726,190. Rev. John T. Dearing in reporting for the committee stated that if all the Baptists of Mississippi would tithe, offerings would amount to \$15,000,000. He also called attention to the fact that if the churches would divide their receipts 50-50, the Co-operative Program would receive 7 1-2 million dollars annually. The report made the following recommendations:

1. A continued emphasis on the part of our departments and individual churches of Tithing and Stewardship.
2. That every Baptist church in Mississippi be urged to emphasize the Co-operative Program, Stewardship and Tithing —

A. By special promotion through the associational missionaries.

B. By Stewardship revivals, Schools of Stewardship, and special emphasis on Stewardship and the Co-operative Program in the Junior, Intermediate, Young People, and Adult departments of both Sunday School and B. T. U.

C. By a systematic circulation of Stewardship and Co-operative Program tracts through the churches by means of the pastors and associational missionaries.

D. By emphasis in Associational Pastors' Conferences and other associational meetings through the use of well versed men in this line.

E. By continued education from pulpits, S. S., B. T. U., Brotherhood, W. M. U., etc., on the work done through the Co-operative Program

3. That Baptist churches in Mississippi be urged to plan for and look forward to the day when their own receipts can be divided on a 50-50 basis.

4. That more emphasis be placed on the slogan — "Every Baptist a Tither" — and concentrated effort be expended in this direction.

5. That a copy of this report or digest thereof, be sent to every Baptist church in Mississippi, along with a request that it be read before the church and that a copy be also sent to each associational missionary.

Music Department To BTU

The work of the Music Department was highly commended in the report, which was read by Rev. S. B. Harrington and the following recommendations were made:

1. The Music Committee would express its appreciation for the fact that the office has been kept open, and that the emphasis heretofore given to the work of this department has been kept before Mississippi Baptists, through the Baptist Record, pamphlets, and other printed materials. The effectiveness of this work is in the report given to the recent Convention.

2. In the absence of a director of this department, we are indebted to the efficient office secretary, Miss Patsy Bailey, for the work that has been done since the passing away of our late and beloved secretary, Luther A. Harrison.

3. In lieu of the absence of the head of this department, and of the recommendation of the Nominations Committee, and of the action of the Convention Board of last evening, we make no recommendations. However, we beg to register our unanimous hope that the splendid progress already made in this field of our work will be maintained and accelerated under the new unification plan.

Dr. Webb Brame presented the report on Negro work and called attention to the fact that Negroes are naturally Baptists. The report commended the work of education being carried on under our State Mission program, namely, to support the Negro Seminaries in our State and the work among the negro churches, especially among the negro youth and women organizations. The committee commended the Southeast Seminary at Hattiesburg in the matter of request for a donation of \$2,000 for their needy and worthy work there.

The report on Temperance, Chinese and Indian work was read by Rev. F. V. McFatrige and the following recommendations of the committee were adopted: "We have reviewed the report of the work of the Temperance Department and commend Dr. Holcomb for his activities. We rejoice in the progress made in arousing public sentiment toward the more stringent enforcement of our liquor laws, and of our responsibility as Christian citizens in encouraging and aiding our law enforcement officials in this matter."

Chinese Work

Concerning the Chinese work the report stated, in part, "About 100 Chinese participate in the Sunday School, about 25 of whom are adults; four have been baptized, and we commend most heartily the work of Rev. D. I. Young and the First Church of Greenville." The committee also commended the Indian Work and Rev. W. W. Simpson, missionary to the Indians.

Upon motion of Dr. D. Swan Harworth, it was voted that a committee be appointed to prepare a book of regulation policies and methods adopted by the Board.

Rev. W. L. Meadows presented the following report concerning the Editorial Department of the Baptist Record:

"First, we commend Editor Goodrich and his associates for the splendid work they have done in editing and circulating the Baptist Record.

"Second, we congratulate Brother Goodrich on the marvelous growth in Baptist Record circulation—now exceeding 62,000 copies.

"Third, we are grateful for the splendid cooperation of our Baptist pastors in leading their churches to adopt the 'Every Family Plan.' This plan has contributed in a large measure toward our present peak circulation.

"We offer the following recommendations:

"First, that all departments using free space in the Baptist Record edit their copy with great care so as to give us the fullest information on the work of each department.

"Second, that all of our churches be urged to adopt the Every Family Plan of Baptist Record subscription, endeavoring to reach every Baptist home.

"THIRD, THAT ALL DEPARTMENTS



Shown above is the temporary sign erected in front of Immanuel church, Warren county. The church is located near the LeTourneau plant a few miles south of Vicksburg. When the building is completed and the grounds landscaped it is planned to erect a permanent sign.

Better Writers Needed For Improved Baptist Journalism

MUSKOGEE, Okla. —(BP)— Too much concern with the quality of the paper — and not enough with the quality of the writing — has been a major handicap to the Baptist Press in recent years, Rev. Albert McClellan told the Baptist General Convention of Oklahoma in its annual session here.

Rev. McClellan is editor of the Baptist Messenger.

He recommended, to meet the need in Oklahoma, an enlarged staff to assist him in editing the Messenger and strengthening of publicity outlets to the state's daily and weekly papers.

USING FREE SPACE IN BAPTIST RECORD MAKE SPECIAL EFFORT TO PROMOTE A LARGER CIRCULATION OF THE PAPER.

"FOURTH, THAT ALL ASSOCIATIONAL MISSIONARIES AND MISSIONARY PASTORS EMPHASIZE THE IMPORTANCE OF THE BAPTIST RECORD AND PROMOTE ITS CIRCULATION,

"Fifth, that more space and greater emphasis be given to publishing Baptist doctrines and Baptist policy, always keeping before the Baptist Record readers the fundamental teachings of the New Testament."

Baptist Record A Good Advertising Channel

The Business Management of the Baptist Record also was highly praised by that committee. The report, read by Dr. O. P. Estes, was as follows:

"We, your Committee on Business Management, Finances, Advertising and Bookkeeping, Baptist Record, have reviewed the report of the Baptist Record Business Management. The increased circulation is certainly to be commended. The work of our Executive Secretary as Business Manager since 1942 would seem to justify without reservation the continuation of the present policy. The profits shown in the auditor's report, in spite of many conditions that might tend to eat up profits, is worthy of commendation. We would urge our denominational agencies and institutions to use the Baptist Record more freely as a good and wise advertising and promotional channel."

North Carolina Goes 50-50

CHARLOTTE, N. C. —(BP)— North Carolina Baptists, holding their 118th annual session, heard reports that total gifts to the state's churches during the past year were approximately \$15,000,000. Of this, \$12,000,000 went for expenses of the local churches, and \$3,000,000 for missions and benevolences including state and Southern Baptist Convention causes.

Progress was reported in plans for moving Wake Forest College to Winston-Salem. The over-all cost of this move is estimated at \$18,000,000, of which several million has already been raised or is in sight.

Dr. F. Orion Mixon, pastor of Tabernacle Baptist Church, Raleigh was elected new president of the Convention, succeeding Rev. John W. Suttle of Shelby.

The state divides Cooperative Program receipts 50-50 between state and Southern Baptist Convention objects.

The combined choirs of Brandon's churches will give the Christmas Cantata "The Birth of Christ" next Sunday night, December 19, at the Methodist Church.

40 & 25 Years Ago

By J. L. Boyd, Sr.
40 YEARS AGO

Rev. J. E. Wills, supply pastor of the First church, McComb, has been appointed as a missionary to China and will sail for Shanghai on Jan. 16, 1909.

25 YEARS AGO

The Board of Trustees of the Mississippi Baptist Hospital recently in their regular annual meeting elected D. C. Simmons as president.

Pastor E. T. Mobberly of the Shuqualak Baptist church reports the organization of a Senior B. Y. P. U.

Ground was recently broken at "The Beeches" near Louisville, Ky., for the erection of new seminary buildings. Dr. Mullins, the president, turned the first shovel full, and then the five hundred persons in attendance, in shifts, turned one each.

Rev. J. M. Metts did the preaching in a great revival meeting at Lafayette County Agricultural High School when 45 boys and girls were converted.

Rev. S. G. Pope enters upon the pastorate of the Louisville church with a Stewardship revival in which he does the preaching which "met with hearty response," writes "A Member."

YES, I TITHE

says A. W. Gragg, partner in Bailey-Gragg Motor Co., and Mayor-elect of Brunswick, Georgia.

"It is necessary to go back a good many years to give reasons why I tithe. First, the example of my mother and father while I was a small boy. Later as I grew up I learned the eternal truths of the Bible are very plain and specific on what we should contribute; even though we humans oftentimes suggest and live by our own and different plan; there is no alternative for the Christian that will stand the test of Eternity.

"The complete teachings of the Bible, on three great phases of human conduct—physical, mental, and spiritual—cannot be violated and ignored and the penalty then escaped. Giving the tenth is an extremely important part of spiritual law and life. It is also a test of just how much we wish the full work of the kingdom carried on today.

"Baptists exhibit their concern for the kingdom as they strive toward the realization of

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"He Being Dead, Yet Speaketh" Through Tithing And 50-50 Provision In Will: \$37,000 Received Since '39

WILLIAMSBURG, Ky.—(BP)—When Thomas Breckenridge Mahan died in 1930, he left a sizeable estate. He was president of six coal mining companies and vice president of two others. He also held stock in the Bank of Williamsburg.

But death did not end his influence on earth. Because of his obedience to certain Christian convictions, his fortune will bless the world for the rest of time.

Mr. Mahan was a deacon of the First Baptist Church of Williamsburg. He was a man keenly conscious of stewardship obligations. He believed also that his duties to God in the financial realm extended, even beyond his death, as long as his estate should last.

Me Wrote A Will

His convictions led him to write a will. He provided for certain investments and the setting up of trust funds which his survivors would draw an income throughout the years ahead. And he said in those provisions:

sions:

"I hereby authorize, empower, and direct my said trustees to pay to the First Baptist Church of Williamsburg, Ky., one tenth of the annual income derived from the trust funds herein created, and one-half the amount received by said church shall be used by the deacons of said church for the use and benefit of the church, and the other one-half shall be applied by the deacons of said church for missions and other charitable purposes."

Rev. Herbert C. Gabhart, pastor, reminded the congregation last Sunday of this deceased deacon's superb recognition of stewardship obligations. The provision has paid thus far \$37,000 to the church and Baptist causes.

It is interesting also, Pastor Gabhart said, that "at the time of his death 18 years ago. Mr. Mahan saw eye to eye and heart to heart with the program now underway for Southern Baptists — the program embodied in the slogans 'Every Baptist a Tither' and 'Fifty-Fifty by 1950.'"

THE STATE BAPTIST PAPER, PROMOTES EVERY CAUSE DEAR TO THE HEARTS OF OUR PEOPLE

L. L. CARPENTER

Editor, Biblical Recorder, Raleigh North Carolina

Our Baptists people in the South are a great people—at least in numbers. Because of our warm evangelistic message and our democratic spirit, as well as for other causes, we have been remarkably successful in reaching the multitudes.

There is much ground for pride and for rejoicing in this fact. However, our greatest need is for the training and enlistment of our church members, and this training and development must come through providing information and inspiration for the people.

A person cannot possibly be interested in that which he does not know about. It is impossible for Southern Baptists to be interested in missions and other Baptist causes unless they know about them. If we would have our people informed, we certainly must see that the state Baptist paper goes into their homes.

The state Baptist paper serves and promotes every cause which we hold dear as Baptists and as Christians in the world today. Dr. Louie D. Newton has said that this paper is "the only means of promoting all Baptist work in every home each week." This statement is a very true one.

You will find in the state paper interesting information and features about everything connected with Baptist thought and work. In addition, the attempt is made to see that these papers are helpful, interesting, and wholesome family weeklies. There is some material for all age groups that should contribute to better Christian living in our homes and communities.

Sunday school workers will find the state Baptist paper especially helpful in giving them in small compass each week some of the most important matters connected with the development of Sunday school work. Most of the papers carry an exposition of the Sunday school lesson, which is an aid to better preparation for the teachers.

The worker who reads his state paper regularly will learn much also about the interests and needs of our

Oregon Baptists Organize

SWEET HOME, Ore.—(BP)—The Baptist General Convention of Oregon, composed of members from 22 churches contributing financially to the Southern Baptist Convention, held its first annual session here.

The group was organized in April with 13 churches and have elected two fulltime workers: Rev. R. E. Milam, executive secretary, and Rev. Roland P. Hood, missionary.

Budget for the Convention was set up on a monthly basis at \$981 per month of which 25 per cent will go to the Southern Baptist Convention. In addition to the budget, a church building fund was initiated, the plan begin to secure 1000 people who will give \$1 each for every new church organized.

Baptist people. In it too, he will find information and inspiration which will enrich greatly his own life and make him a better Christian and church worker.

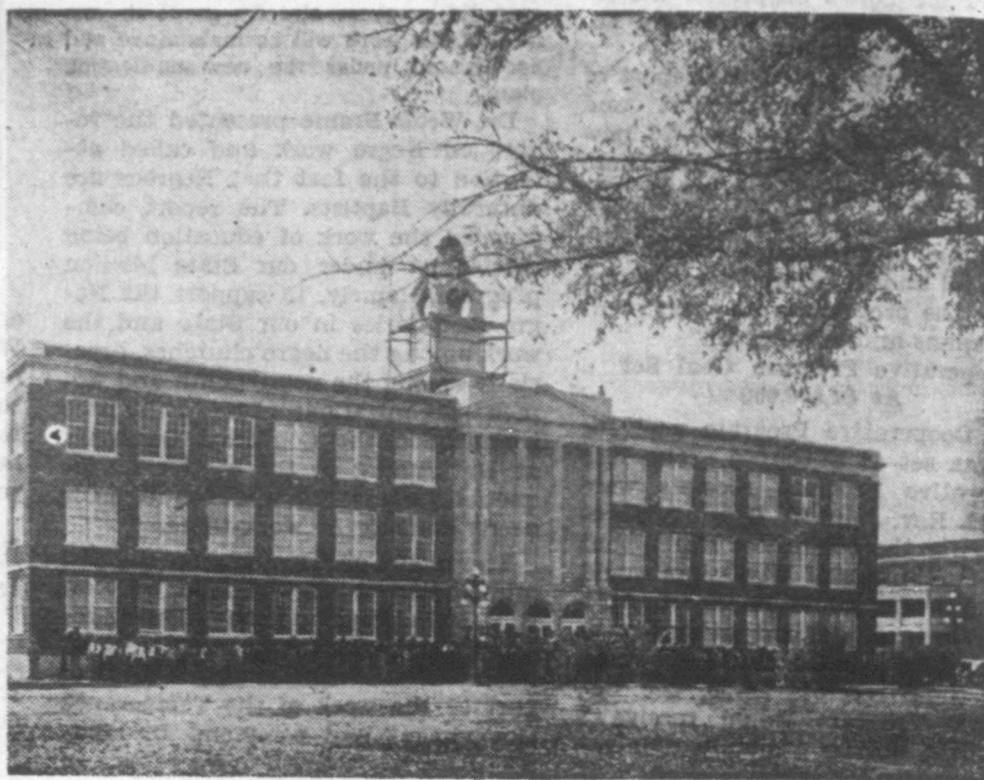
Because of the great value and importance of the state Baptist paper in the training and development of the people, the Sunday school worker will want to do all he can to get it into their homes.

No Sunday school teacher, nor pastor for that matter, can possibly tell the people all that they need to know. By getting the state paper into the hands of the people and encouraging them to read it, he will supplement everything else that he tries to do...

The goal set for 1950 is one and a half million. Surely this goal should be reached, for, as a matter of fact, a state Baptist paper should go into every Baptist home in the South...

An excellent text for Sunday school workers is found in Paul's words to Timothy, "Till I come, give heed to reading, to exhortation, to teaching" (1 Tim. 4:13 ASV). If we do much teaching, we must certainly do a great deal of reading. Also, if our people grow and develop as Christians, they must do a great deal of reading.

Basic and fundamental here is the reading of the Bible and the study of Christian doctrine. But the minimum requirement for keeping informed about Baptist causes and work is to read the weekly state Baptist paper, for this paper promotes every cause dear to the hearts of our people.—The Sunday School Builder November 1948.



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Improvements Suggested For Funeral Services

TULSA, Okla. —(RNS)— Deploring the idea that funerals should be "bigger and better," the Tulsa Ministerial Alliance has issued a number of suggestions for improving the average funeral service.

They proposed:

That funeral services for church members be conducted in the church.

That the favorite song of the deceased not be sung, but only hymns of faith, comfort and hope.

That scriptures be chosen for their value in strengthening the faith of the bereaved, for comfort and consolation, and hope of immortality.

That ministers keep their funeral sermons brief — "thirty minutes is long enough for the whole service."

That the sermon for a Christian carry the note of victory and immortality.

That the sermon for a non-member should be in terms of comfort for the bereaved, and challenge to those who remain.

That police escorts for funeral processions be encouraged as a public service.

That the practice of avoiding Sunday funerals should be encouraged.

That ministers make every effort to destroy the "common illusion that a funeral service is a performance and that one must be bigger and better than another."

A GERMAN IS GRATEFUL

Editor's Note: Below is printed excerpts from a letter recently received by Mrs. J. S. Amacker, WMU president at Scooba. In response to this appeal clothes and food are being sent as well as a Bible and tracts. The editor is indebted to the Scooba pastor, Rev. L. E. Alford for a copy of the letter.

Elberfeld, East Prussia,
6th October, 1948.

Dear Mrs. Amacker:

I found in a bag of my grandmother your address. Many weeks ago she got a bag and a dress from our church. She was very happy about it, for she is blind and 85 years old. Our home is in East Prussia. We have lost all we have and are homeless, but Him we haven't lost, our Saviour. God has helped us in all the dangerous and He will keep us for the rest time.

I have a great request . . . if your church send anything to Germany, could you send a little box to us. We need shoes but not so little. Please, suppose me, never have I asked for things, but I have heard that American Christians send gifts to Germany from which my grandmother got the dress.

In the Russian zone there are living my parents and four sisters in the age from 6 to 16 years. They have nothing to put on and must hunger. We always pray to our God and we know He will help us.

Now I shall end and are with kind regards,

Your,

WALTRANT WOLK,
22a Wupperfal - Elberfeld
Kriegerheims Ar. 44
East Prussia.

Blue Mountain, Miss., Dec. 11 — The four girls shown above are cousins. They are daughters and granddaughters of distinguished Baptist families that have served the denomination faithfully and effectively. Left center is Mary Kate Lowrey, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Stovall Lowrey, Clarksdale, Miss., and granddaughter of Dr. B. G. Lowrey, former president of Blue Mountain College and congressman from Mississippi. Right center is Anne Buchanan, daughter of Dr. and Mrs. John H. Buchanan. Dr. Buchanan is pastor of the Southside Baptist Church, Birmingham, Ala. She is the granddaughter of Dr. W. T. Lowrey who was formerly president of Blue Mountain College, Mississippi College and Clarke College. He was the first president of the board of trustees of the Baptist Hospital in Memphis, Tenn., and continued in that position for thirty years until his death. Misses Lowrey and Buchanan are now students in Blue Mountain College. The young women at left and right are the twin daughters of Mr. and Mrs. Leon Lowrey, Olive Branch, Miss., and granddaughters of Dr. B. G. Lowrey.

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J. H. BAILEY

Whereas, in the infinite wisdom of our Heavenly Father it pleased Him to take from us on November 14, 1948, Brother J. H. Bailey, who for so many years was a faithful member of our church where he delighted to worship the Lord and singing His praises, and in which he served over a period of many years faithfully and efficiently and faultlessly as the treasurer, therefore

BE IT RESOLVED:

That our church make corporate expression of our deep sense of appreciation for his useful life among us, and of our appreciation of his untiring services as treasurer through the years, being thoroughly conscious of the loss we have sustained in his home going, remembering his fidelity to duty and patience in service; and

That our church now in conference assembled extend from this body in Christ our Christian sympathy to the surviving relatives of Brother Bailey; namely: Mr. and Mrs. C. L. Bailey; Mr. and Mrs. L. P. Bailey; Mr. and Mrs. J. E. Pigott; and the family of Mr. and Mrs. James A. Quinn, assuring them of our fellowship of their sorrow, praying always that the Lord shall sustain and comfort each of them in their loss, and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED:

That copies of these Resolutions, or appropriate parts hereof, be sent: one to each family of his immediate relatives; one to the Tylertown Times for publication; one to the Baptist Record and one to be made a permanent part of the record of our church in conference.

Signed: COMMITTEE ON RESOLUTIONS AND PASTOR:

L. A. FURR

B. R. FORTENBERRY

O. N. HARVEY

H. W. HOLMES

RAY F. DYKES, Pastor.

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Let no one think for a moment that it is ever a sacrifice to do the will of God. His will is always best for us. Has the Lord called you to be a foreign missionary? If so, hasten to say, "Lord, here am I, send me!" . . . Samuel E. Maddox in The Baptist Training Union Magazine.

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LOWNDES COUNTY ORGANIZES CHRISTIAN CITIZENS' LEAGUE

It was my privilege to speak in several churches in Lowndes County on two different trips in the last few days and on Sunday afternoon in a county-wide rally held in the court house in Columbus. At the close of this rally there was a unanimous vote to organize a Christian Citizens' League. The general officers were elected in this meeting and plans were made for the completion of their organization, also their next meeting was agreed upon. They are now engaged in a campaign to oust beer from the county. Petitions are being circulated to call a local option election for this purpose. There is a great deal of interest in their county as in many others.

In addition to our other work strictly with our denomination, we have

had a great part in the promotion of the Christian Citizens' League movement. The accomplishments of this one organization justify many times what has been spent in the entire work. All the forces of the underworld are feeling the impact of this work. The liquor forces in our state have been staggered already. Of course much work remains to be done. Several counties are right now engaged in beer campaigns.

BEER ELECTION IN STONE COUNTY

A local option election has been called for the purpose of voting on the beer question in Stone County, which will be held December 14th. Let us be much in prayer for the success of this campaign. Also pray for the entire work of our department. God is richly blessing our efforts for which we are deeply and humbly grateful.



SCOTCHIE McCALL JR.

Shown above is Rev. Scotchie McCall, Jr., of Clinton, who will be one of the team of workers in the Ruth Baptist Church during their Youth Revival at Christmas, December 19-24. Services will be held each day at 10:30 a. m. and 7 p. m. Music will be under the direction of Bob Van Gelderen of Miami, Florida. Forums on personal life, looking toward spiritual development, will be held for the young people after preaching.

Georgia Goes 50-50

ATLANTA, Ga. —(BP)— The Georgia Baptist Convention will divide its Cooperative Program receipts with the Southern Baptist Convention next year on a 50-50 basis.

The convention, in its 127th annual session, adopted a budget of \$1,022,400 for 1949 and increased its distribution from the old basis of 45 per cent to world-wide causes. The 1949 budget represents an increase of about \$135,000.

Dr. Spright Dowell, president of Mercer University for the past 21 years, was elected convention president to succeed Columbus Roberts, layman of Columbus.

The convention amended its constitution to enlarge the executive committee to approximately 115 members, providing one from each district association and 20 from the state-at-large.

CECIL BEARDEN ORDAINED AT TANGIPAHOA CHURCH



FELIX CECIL BEARDEN

Felix Cecil Bearden was ordained recently by the Tangipahoa church Pike County. The pastor, Rev. A. W. Talbert, preached the ordination sermon. Rev. E. C. Edwards and Rev. James A. Bryant gave charges, and the Bible was presented by the church. Others assisting the ordination were: Rev. L. D. Howell and Rev. C. E. Matthews, of McComb; Rev. Melvin Wilson, East Fork; Rev. R. F. Strickland, Bluff Springs; Rev. Richmond Hancock, Clinton; Rev. H. L. Deer, Kokomo, and Rev. M. J. Gilbert, State Evangelist.

Mr. Bearden graduated from Southwest Junior College before entering the service. After serving more than three years, he entered Mississippi College and has received his B. A. degree from that institution.

In addition to pastoring the Mt. Zion church in Marion County, Mr. Bearden is now attending the New Orleans Seminary.

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I HAVE LOVED JACOB by Joseph Hoffman Cohn, is a characterization of the Biblical Character Jacob which points out that loose teaching has contributed to anti-Semitism. This smoothly written and spiritedly worded work shows the positive traits of Jacob, one of the great men of faith. Orders should be sent to the American Board of Missions to the Jews, Inc., 236 West 72nd Street, New York City.

Sunday School Lesson

Prepared by Bracey Campbell
For December 19th
GOOD NEWS IN THE BIBLE.
Matthew 1:18-2:12; Mark 1:1-11; Luke 2:1-20.

I. Christmas a Declaration.

Of What? Let us answer.

1. Joy! There is a spirit of joy abroad, emphasized frequently through music, the most beautiful in the world, both instrumental and vocal.

2. Kindness. Good will and kindness, having issue in the exchange of gifts not only, but in the bestowal of gifts upon the needy.

3. Reverence. A sense of awe, leading to a more sincere attitude of worship. No other event that ever occurred on this earth has been able to bestow such blessings as these, year following year, century after century, on men of every race. No ancient event, no medieval event, no modern event, no national occurrence, the birth on no one being, aside from Jesus, has ever been able annually to create, such an atmosphere for the whole world.

II. The Fact That Sounds the Declaration

"Unto us a child is born." When a wrong needs righting, when a great work needs doing, when tyrant feet are trampling upon the common wealth, when justice shrieks for a champion; when sad hearts sigh for consolation and courage to carry on in the face of sore discouragements, God sends a baby.

Someone has called attention to the condition of the world in the opening years of the nineteenth century, and specifically the year of 1809. Men have been following with bated breath the campaigns of Napoleon, waiting with bated breath the latest news from the battle fronts. And all the while in their homes a number of babies were being born, in the fateful year of 1809. William Ewart Gladstone was born at Liverpool; Alfred Tennyson was born at Somersby rectory; Oliver Wendell Holmes was born in Massachusetts; Charles Darwin made his entrance into the world at Shrewsbury; Abraham Lincoln first saw light in old Kentucky; while Warsaw gave Frederick Chopin and Hamburg gave Felix Mendelssohn to the world of music. While men were thinking of bullets and battles, God gave thought to babies.

Now, which battle of all battles, which campaign of all campaigns, which war of all wars that ever stained the bosom of Mother Earth with the blood of her own children ever mattered so much for the good of the race as the babies of 1809?

A baby was born in Bethlehem, and with His birth the world itself was born anew. All history ranks itself, not by the caprice of the ecclesiastic, but by force of natural affinity, into that which came before Christ and that which occurred after. The most sceptical of historians must needs admit this classification: whatever happened in Bethlehem, this he knows: That a force was there and then unleashed that has transformed the world.

That force was the Birth of Light; the lamps that lit the night are gone, the prophet's toll and the shepherds' vigil are fulfilled. The Day Star has risen, and behind it comes the Day steaming into the dark heart of man, illumining the Way of Truth, glittering on the far-off pinnacles of the City of God, filling even the pathways of the tomb with an immortal sunshine—the Day has come, for Christ has come the Light of the world and, "Unto us a child is born."

III. How the Foundation of the Declaration Was Laid.

I mean the matter of Christ's coming. And be very sure of this: He is Christ from all eternity before Jesus was born of Mary at Bethlehem. God by His own gracious act cleansed the body of

MOTHER, CHILDREN COMMIT SUICIDE

By Rev. Otto Nallinger
Baptist World Alliance Relief Representative

STUTTGART, Germany — A mother and her two children have done away with themselves in the Russian Zone of Germany because they could not face a dismal tomorrow with no food and inadequate clothing. They preferred to die quickly rather than starve to death slowly.

This is just one of many stories told to me by Baptist pastors during my recent trip to learn the conditions that actually exist behind the "iron curtain." We often hear remarks that conditions in the Russian Zone are much worse than they are in the Western Zones of Germany. That, however, doesn't tell us much. I was eager to hear something specific and concrete on this point from people who ought to know because they live in the Russian Zone. I do not wish to mention names of people or places because such mention might involve friends who live in the Russian Zone.

Some Baptist pastors from the Russian Zone tell me that malnutrition of children in the Zone has reached a catastrophic point. A man whom we shall call pastor "B" told me he noticed that less and less children came to the Sunday School of his church. Upon investigation, he learned that many of these children could not come because they were simply too weak from undernourishment to walk the distance from their home to the church. In Sunday School one of the boys prayed: "Dear God, I wish I could eat enough just once." It was this pastor who told me of the mother and children who killed themselves.

All clothing, bedding, shoes, food, vitamins, medicines, etc., contributed by Baptists to the Southern Baptist Relief Center at 601 South Olympia street, New Orleans, are shipped overseas in bulk quantities on orders from the Southern Baptist Foreign Mission

a pure village maiden and the Anointed of the Almighty took up His abode in that pure sweet body as little babies have done down all the years, and therein grew apace until the day of His blessed birth arrived what time his dimpled baby arms thrust the purple gates of birth ajar and the human eyes of the wee king looked upon the world He had framed at the Father's "Let us make." So quietly came the Little Lord, but not unnoticed by those who had eyes to see the great things of God.

The shepherds in the fields heard the angel song and saw the heavenly forms and by the sounds and sights of the hour were transported with rapture beyond their fondest hopes in all the years gone by. Philosophers from the far east saw the star of His greatness and came to worship and adore. Others there were who were waiting for the consolation of the world in this dark era of its history, and among these were some pure souls that found Him and in the innermost shrines of their faithful hearts crowned Him Lord of All.

IV. Our Christmas Heritage.

1. The record of His coming. We have not followed and not not follow cunningly devised fables but a record sure and secure of that which God did for men in the long ago.

2. The garnered wealth of all the glory which has accrued to Him in all the centuries that have run between His coming and this day.

3. The brightening hope of His return gather His own unto Himself.

4. The courage to work and wait in the assured knowledge that our labor and waiting are not in vain in Him.

MAGEE HAS GREATEST DAY; 321 PLEDGE TO TITHE



Shown above is the choir of Magee Baptist church during the recent Stewardship Revival which was led by Dr. B. C. Land. Dr. Land is seen sitting on the pulpit platform and the pastor, Rev. J. B. Smith is standing behind the pulpit.



Shown above is part of the congregation at Magee Baptist church during the recent Stewardship Revival.

RELIGIOUS QUESTIONS IN 1950 CENSUS OPPOSED

WASHINGTON, D. C.—(RNS)—Reversing their stand of ten years ago, the Association of Statisticians of American Religious Bodies rejected a plan to include religious questions in the 1950 general national census.

By an overwhelming margin, the group, meeting here, threw out a proposal offered by Dr. Louis Kenedy of New York, statistical expert for the Roman Catholic Church. He had recommended the following three questions for inclusion in the questionnaire to be used by government census takers in 1950:

(1) Do you believe in God? (2) Are you affiliated with any church group? (3) If so, with what church group are you affiliated?

In 1938, the association, which represents more than 85 per cent of the religious membership in America, favored the inclusion of religious questions in the 1940 national census. The recommendation was rejected by the

Board. Approved consignees over here work with the Baptist World Alliance representatives and we see that the supplies are distributed where most needed. It is not possible to designate goods in shipping from America because we would be handicapped in aiding the most unfortunate as we see them. Send your material supplies to New Orleans now. Send your cash offerings through your state secretary to the Foreign Mission Board, Richmond, Va.

On December 5, the Magee Baptist Church had what many of its members called the greatest day in its history. On that day it closed an eight-day Stewardship Revival, in which Dr. B. C. Land preached and Alvon H. Doty conducted the singing. Our "tithes and offerings" for the day amounted to \$1,023.74 and 321 tithing cards were signed.

This demonstration of the tithe for only one week proves that tithes for the year should be more than \$52,000 from the membership of the church. The church adopted "Tithes and Offerings" as its plan of church finance, and also adopted the Unified Budget System of Church Finance, with each individual giving in only one service during the week, and using the Sunday School as a great agency of promoting this program.

A budget is in the making covering every denominational agency and every phase of the local church work including all its organizations and their needs. It is expected that the 1949 budget will double that of 1948.

government at that time.

The present change of sentiment among the church statisticians was attributed in part to a fear of possible complications posed by the recent United States Supreme Court decision in the McCollum case, and the feeling that the proposal might preclude the conducting of any major religious census in 1951 or 1956. In the McCollum case, the high court ruled that religious instruction given in public schools is unconstitutional.

BROTHERHOOD DEPARTMENT

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EDWINA MAY, Office Secretary

What Brotherhoods Are Doing
Southside of Meridian conducts Sunday School and Church services at Jewell Survey schoolhouse each Sunday afternoon at 2:30. The Brotherhood has voted to put on the Man and Boy Movement, to start a toy and clothing campaign for those who might not otherwise have much Christmas and to send groceries and fruit to the needy. On each fourth Sunday, the men go into the County Home, T. B. Hospital, and Stockade for services.

Summerland Church of Jones County writes that they have sponsored several movements in the church which should keep the men busy during the year.

Centerville Brotherhood is giving aid to a ministerial student planned recreation for youth and conducted worship services in the absence of the pastor.

Goss Brotherhood had purchased a bulletin board for the Training Union and installed an attic fan.

Forty-first Avenue Church, Meri-

dian, has on an evangelistic visitation program.

Jaye's Brotherhood contributed \$20.80 for Home Missions, made plans for a new church building and appointed a committee to look after the cemetery.

East McComb Brotherhood holds cottage prayer meetings and takes care of as much of the benevolent needs of the community as possible. They presented to a ministerial student clothing and shoes out of appreciation for his work.

South McComb Brotherhood carries on regular benevolences, sponsors the girl's choir, visits the sick members and have raised money for the building program, contributing free labor to same.

First Church Brotherhood, Laurel, has held meetings in the jail and County Home, fostered and helped organize a junior Brotherhood in the church, helped one girl go to Clarke College, and had the radios repaired in the County Home.

MISSOURI GOES 50-50

KANSAS CITY, Mo.—(BP)—Adoption of a Million-Dollar Cooperative Program for 1949 was a feature of the 114th session of the Missouri Baptist General Association. This program, the largest in the history of the denomination, provides that, after certain deductions for administration and publicity, all undesignated gifts will be divided 50-50 between state and Southwide causes. To provide full right-of-way for this effort, it was voted that there be no special campaigns in 1949.

Announcement was made that during the year a total of 16,169 have been baptized into the churches, exceeding last year's all-time high record of 14,097. Other reports said that the present rate of giving assures that the 1948 financial goal of \$725,000 for the Cooperative Program will be realized. A Chair of Bible and Baptist Student program at Missouri University have been established and the work is under way.

Arkansas Baptists Near End Of Honor Debt Repayment

LITTLE ROCK, Ark.—(BP)—Another year may see Arkansas Baptists completely redeem themselves of a \$1-250,000 indebtedness settled on a compromise basis in the depression year 1937.

Dr. B. L. Bridges, state executive secretary, told the Arkansas Baptist State Convention at its annual meeting here that only \$185,000 remains to be repaid.

The indebtedness had been legally settled during the depression on a compromise basis of one-third repayment, meaning that note and bond holders lost about \$700,000. Baptist consciences prompted the Convention in 1948, however, to reassume this unpaid balance as a "moral obligation." Payments are being made through a state convention budget item and designated contributions.

A record budget of \$597,000 was adopted by the Convention for its 1949 program, divided 60 per cent for state causes and 40 per cent for Southern Baptist Convention Cooperative Program.

Motherhood Honored By Another College

By Joe W. Burton
Editor, Home Life

A citation to a "Mother and Housewife" was given by William Jewell College of Liberty, Missouri, Dr. Walter Pope Binns, president, in a recent annual achievement-day program.

This was the first time since the college was founded one hundred years ago that such a distinction was given. Chosen for the citation was Mrs. W. W. Mayfield of Jefferson City, Missouri who was singled out for "outstanding success as a mother and housewife."

Earlier this year at commencement last June, Mary Hardin-Baylor College in Texas selected as "Mother of 1948" Mrs. J. J. Pipkin, eighty-year-old mother of nine children.

Thus these two Baptist institutions have honored themselves by giving recognition to a fundamental social service, Christian motherhood. The citations given on the two campuses point out the primary values of Christian home-building.

D. C. BAPTISTS BAPTIZED 1,242 LAST YEAR

WASHINGTON, D. C.—(BP)—District of Columbia Baptists — 35 churches with a membership of 27,971 — have adopted a 1949 budget of \$265,000. With the exception of \$41,500 to be applied to debt reduction, the remainder of the budget will be divided 50-50, half being retained for Baptist work in the District and the remainder being divided equally between Northern and Southern Baptist Conventions.

Dr. Clarence W. Cranford pastor of the Calvary Baptist Church, Washington, was re-elected president.

Dr. M. Chandler Smith, executive secretary, reported that the 35 churches received into their membership during the year 2,797 new members, 1,242 coming by baptism. A grand total of \$1,100,000 was given for all purposes during the year, of which 80 per cent was used in the local churches.

H. W. Roberson Elected President Of Deer Creek Pastor's Conference



REV. HOMER W. ROBERSON

At the recent meeting of the Deer Creek Pastor's Conference Rev. Homer W. Roberson, pastor of East church, Greenville, was elected president. Rev. Harold Douglass, missionary of the Deer Creek Association was elected secretary.

The conference meets monthly on Monday after the second Sunday.

CONGREGATION MEETS TO DEBATE PASTORS SERMON

CLEVELAND—(RNS)—What would happen if a minister gave his congregation a chance to pick flaws in his sermon?

Dr. Robert Killam, minister of First Unitarian church here, decided to learn the answer to that question.

He invited his congregation to meet after the Thanksgiving service to debate all angles of his sermon. Discussion was to be free. No holds were barred.

To get the best results, the congregation was divided into groups of from 12 to 16.

In one group the discussion went off with a bang when a pert little housewife rose to the attack. She hadn't liked some of the nice things Dr. Killam had said about the Pilgrims.

"I think Dr. Killam gave the Pilgrims altogether too much credit," the housewife remarked tartly. "From what I've read of history, I'd say those early pioneers were an autocratic lot almost as bad as the Russians today."

"Dr. Killam simply wished to credit the Pilgrims with planting the seeds of a form of government that has flowered into the ideal of democracy as we understand it today," added a business man.

"I think that's a fair statement of the minister's position and I don't see how anyone can take exception to it," said a youthful engineer. "But I do wish Dr. Killam had gone into a fuller explanation of the individual's part in making democracy work."

This led to a lively discussion in which nearly all members of the roundtable participated.

P. S. Dr. Killam said he intends to retain these after service discussions as a helpful way of stimulating thought on the more pressing problems of the day.

Christ is too powerful and effective an instrument for the comparatively small task of restoring one nation only. — The scope of application for this divine instrument must be expanded until it becomes commensurate with his unlimited capacity and supernatural resources . . . H. Leo Eddleman in The Teacher.

SUNDAY SCHOOL AND TRAINING UNION ATTENDANCE

December 12, 1948

Star	101	38
Wc: Laurel	411	115
New Albany, First	520	153
Including Mission	544	204
Laurel, First	563	169
Laurel, Second Avenue	398	121
Crystal Springs	670	141
East Side (Rankin County)	101	80
Jackson, Calvary	1207	290
Calvary Mission	25	9
Jackson, First	1148	409
Jackson, Daniel Memorial	273	133
Jackson, Davis Memorial	293	89
Jackson, Parkway	760	259
Parkway Chapel	89	50
Jackson, North Side	469	160
Jackson, Van Winkle	426	226
Byram (Hinds County)	134	115
Ridgeland (Madison County)	55	41
East Fork (Amite County)	91	42
Gulfport, First	649	144
Centerville	184	50
Damascus (Copiah County)	128	127
East Columbia	66	63
Columbus, First	901	300
Booneville, First	276	115
O'Tuckolofa (Yalobusha County)	32	
Brookhaven, First	951	229
Carmel (Lawrence County)	118	103
Cherry Creek (Pontotoc County)	58	44
South Laurel	108	75
East-McComb	419	204
Chalybeate	65	45
Rocky Creek (George County)	167	93
Pascagoula, First	460	133
Admiral Schley Mission	81	58
Houlka	69	48
Enon (Panola County)	71	61
Barton (George County)	127	135
Friendship (Pike County)	169	68
Grenada, First	559	102
Lucedale	373	134
Kreole, First	140	80
Sharon (Jones County)	122	109
Bogue Chitto (Pike County)	100	115
Brandon	161	53
Mt. Vernon (Leflore County)	82	70
Holly Springs	40	
Delay	49	54
Long Creek (Lauderdale)	89	97
Laurel, Beacon	204	91
Providence (Forrest County)	145	98
Hattiesburg, Main	785	229
Durant, First	201	87
Meridian, First	641	
Meridian, Fifteenth Avenue	500	128
Meridian, Highland	446	175
Meridian, Southside	374	200
Meridian, Eighth Avenue	349	88
Meridian, 41st Avenue	307	106
Meridian, Poplar Springs	233	76
Meridian, Oak Grove	147	52
Meridian, Oakland Heights	139	51
Meridian, Key Field Mission	68	
Blue Springs	135	76
December 5, 1948		
Long Creek (Lauderdale County)	86	61
Holly Springs	44	
Providence (Forrest County)	174	78
Cherry Creek (Pontotoc County)	49	31
Chalybeate	84	46
Rocky Creek (George County)	205	97
Pascagoula, First	504	123
Admiral Schley Mission	73	60
Gautier, First	54	64
Lucedale	306	120
Magnolia, First	244	110
Mission	78	
Meridian, First	727	
Meridian, Fifteenth Avenue	525	92
Meridian, Highland	472	100
Meridian, Southside	418	116
Meridian, Eighth Avenue	333	
Meridian, 41st Avenue	328	83
Meridian, Poplar Springs	296	
Meridian, Oak Grove	144	34
Meridian, Oakland Heights	144	20
Meridian, Key Field Mission	85	

A layman, Judge John W. McCall, Memphis, was elected president of the Tennessee Baptist Convention, Editor's note: Judge McCall is a Mississippian and brother of Dr. D. A. McCall, Executive Secretary of Mississippi Baptist.

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E. E. LEE

We received a letter recently from a friend who now lives in Kentucky whom we knew here in Mississippi when she was an Intermediate. We watched her develop into a great leader for the Lord. Occasionally we hear from her and in this last letter she said—"I continue to hear from Mr. Lee." Yes and she is just one of a multitude who learned to love "Hot Dog" Lee years ago and whom he learned to love and continues to remember. No doubt E. E. Lee has more friends than any other person in our great country. One of our first South-wide Training Union leaders, the author of the Intermediate Union Manual, having taught more young people, intermediates and young people ages, than any other person, adding to his list of faithful friends all who have been in his classes, and inspired thousands who have sat in auditoriums and listened to his challenging messages on the better way of life, thus making a place for himself in Baptist life second to none. Mr. Lee, as he expresses it, is RE-tire-D at "Hot Dog House," Covington, Ga. He will still be actively interested in Baptist affairs Baptist youth especially, but will have more time to re-count the many opportunities of the past and through prayer will still be a great blessing to the constituency he has been serving for there years. May we quote from his Christmas card lines that are indicative of his fine spirit.

"The joys I grab for myself
Disappear, I have come to see:
But the Joys I give to the world
Belong forever to me."

J. R. KYZAR ASSISTS IN ORDINATION OF NEPHEW

While on his annual visit to his old home at Pleasant Hill Church Lincoln County, Rev. J. R. Kyzar, pastor of Grandview church, Nashville preached the sermon in connection with the ordination of his nephew, Rev. Reese Kyzar (son of Felix Kyzar).

Other members of the presbytery were Rev. James Brewer, pastor of Pleasant Hill, the ordaining church and three ministerial students of Mississippi College.

Rev. Reese Kyzar, who is a sophomore at Mississippi College, has accepted the pastorate at Dockery.



H. A. HUNDERUP JR.

Rev. H. A. Hunderup Jr., now connected with the Southern Baptist Relief Center as one of the Field representatives, is from the extreme Northwest. He has Mississippi connections because his mother was a Mississippian. He came to Mississippi College to take his college work and following that was one of our beloved and efficient pastors in Mississippi. He will bring the closing message of our State Training Union Convention which meets on Tuesday, December 28th at the First Baptist Church, Jackson Miss. His subject will be "God's Lost and Found." The message will be based on the scripture "Whosoever shall save his life shall lose it; but whosoever shall lose his life for my sake and the gospel's shall save it." This scripture has such significance that each of the gospels, Matthew, Mark and Luke record it. Following the message a call for life dedications will be made. You will pray with us that God will greatly bless this closing session of the convention.

Watch the mail this week

This week we are mailing to all pastors, training union directors, associational directors, associational missionaries, educational directors, and student secretaries a copy of the convention program. Along with this goes a letter and a copy of the report blank. This blank filled in and returned to us will make it possible for us to render you a more efficient service during the coming year.

Ridgecrest time

It is time NOW to write for reservations for the Ridgecrest Assembly. You will write to Mr. Robert Guy, Ridgecrest, N. C. Give him the number that you want reservations for, tell him what kind of accommodations you want, hotel cottage, cabin etc. (if you are not familiar with the accommodations he will send you folders upon request) send \$1.00 for each reservation requested.

We wish to take this opportunity of thanking everyone who made a contribution of money or commodities to the Orphanage during the Thanksgiving Season. Your response and co-operation was deeply appreciated. Wishing for you a happy Christmas season, we are — gratefully yours,
W. G. MIZE, Supt. Faculty and Children of the Orphanage.

WILLIAM HUGH WOOD

William Hugh Wood, a resident of Alva, Oklahoma, passed away the 25th of October, 1948. He was born in Carroll County, Mississippi, in 1872, three months before the death of his father J. J. Wood, who was a native of North Carolina. No immediate member of his family survives except one sister. He leaves six nieces and three nephews, in whom he took great interest. His wife, Mrs. Julia E. Wood, died five months before, following a long illness in a Rest Home in Oklahoma City. Mr. Wood lingered in the hospital in Alva for 17 months prior to his death, making it sad and lonely as they had no children. He was a member of the faculty of the North West State Teachers College, Alva, for 27 years. He was a graduate of Peabody in Nashville and of the University of Chicago.

Many kind friends, former students, and colleagues, as well as the hospital staff and the loving family of his wife ministered all cheer and comfort possible but the constant yearning for "home ties" was ever present in his heart. And to those of us who are left, his prayers will rest as we go this pilgrimage "home."

"Dear brother, we will meet no more here, but the memory of our happy childhood free from care and sorrow for us, shielded and guided by a loving mother older sisters, and one dear older brother who loved and felt our welfare, has made our hearts overflow with gratitude to Him who gives all blessings. Today, in the sad sweet Autumn time in nature, with the winter of life now on, you, having lain down your armor, and I, soon to follow, am praying "to be sustained and soothed by an unfaltering trust approach the grave like one who wraps the drapery of his couch about him, and lies down to pleasant dreams." "Blessed are the dead, who die in the Lord."—His loving sister, Mrs. J. W. Clark.

Roy Lewis Accepts Pastorate At Plymouth Street, Columbus

Rev. Roy M. Lewis, former pastor at Shannon, has accepted the pastorate of the newly organized Plymouth Street Church in Columbus.

Pastor Lewis started off in high-gear by scheduling a revival meeting for the week of the Convention. He has been on the field since Nov. 1.

One of the very first things that he did was to lead the church to adopt the EVERY FAMILY Plan of the Baptist Record. Writing about it he said, "We want the members reading the Baptist Record."

During the three years of its organization, Plymouth Street Church has built and paid for the auditorium. Plans are now underway to add six or seven Sunday School rooms to the building.

Since November 1, the church has supported full-time work. It also promotes a growing Sunday School, a Training Union which has five departments, a WMS with its various organizations, and a weekly prayer service.

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Sparks & Splinters

As a usual thing fires mean grief and financial loss. Soso Baptist Church, Rev. John L. Gilbert, pastor, had two "fires" on Sunday, November 14 which caused happiness and rejoicing. First, the note against the pastor's home was burned, lifting the debt against the church at the bank. Then Bro. W. G. Rasberry presented the church with a receipt bill for more than \$300 which was due him, which was burned. For the first time in more than a year the church is free of debt.

Among recent visitors in the office of the Baptist Record were: Theo Holmes, East McComb; Joe H. Barber, Jr., State College; Rev. E. S. Hedgepeth, Monticello; Rev. L. G. Sansing, Booneville; Rev. W. B. May, Ashland; Rev. Paul B. Cooper, Handsboro; Rufus Carter, Handsboro; Rev. W. C. Drummond, Jr., West; Rev. G. W. Smith, Pelahatchie; Joyce Saxon, Mississippi Southern; Herbert Shepherd, Mississippi Southern; Rev. Riley Munday, Hattiesburg; Rev. Phil J. Walker, Vicksburg; Rev. John T. Dearing, Jr., Bay St. Louis; Rev. and Mrs. G. C. Hodge, Biloxi; Rev. James C. Monroe, Pontotoc; Rev. George H. Gay, Ripley; Rev. and Mrs. Pearson, Macon; Mrs. H. S. Clarke, Mrs. S. W. Valentine, Mrs. J. C. Landrum, Wayne E. Todd, Mary L. Bard, Jackson; E. K. Mobberly, Laurel; Rev. C. S. Moulder, Hattiesburg; Rev. B. E. Phillips, New Hebron; Mrs. L. S. Polk, Clinton; Rev. John L. Gilbert, Soso, and Tom Robertson, Jackson.

The Orphanage family received four new children into its membership the past week as follows: — Joe Kenneth Vinzant, age 6; Linda Vinzant, age 12 from Smith County. Thomas Earl Burrell, age 6; and Martha Joan Burrell age 11 from Bolivar County.

Rev. and Mrs. J. H. Cothen, Jr., of Clinton announce the arrival of a son, J. Herbert Cothen, III, on December 5. Mrs. Cothen, nee Hazel Moulder, is the daughter of the Rev. C. S. Moulder of Hattiesburg. The father, who pastors Good Hope Church, Perry County, in addition to his school work at Mississippi College, is the son of a preacher. In addition to his father and both grandfathers being Baptist preachers, Herbert, III, is the great-grandson of the Rev. Dan W. Moulder.

A new series of advertisements designed to explain Roman Catholic teaching will be published in national magazines starting in January. The advertisements are to be sponsored by the Knights of Columbus.

CHRIST IS OUR STRENGTH (\$1.50) BY Hyman J. Appleman and published by Fleming H. Revell Company, 158 Fifth Avenue, New York, is a collection of revival addresses that ring with fervor and are typical of this famous evangelist. They have a special appeal to those who are still seeking salvation, to those hesitating between doubt and belief, and to those who have strayed from their early teachings. Order from the publisher or the Baptist Book Store.

The WMU of Linwood Church, Neshoba County, held a meeting in the home of Pastor H. D. Hawkins on Tuesday, December 7, during the Week of Prayer. Mrs. Corbett Bounds and Mrs. Bill Nicholson led an inspirational program, after which a plate lunch was served.

There will be a Revival at the Neely Memorial Church, New Albany, Wednesday, December 22, through Wednesday, December 29. Services begin each evening at 7 o'clock. Rev. Pender Cobb and several visiting preachers will officiate. Everyone is cordially invited to attend the services.

The railroads will continue to give free transportation for any shipment of commodities made to the Baptist Orphanage through December 24th. If you did not get your shipment in for the Thanksgiving Season—why not send it now as a combination Thanksgiving-Christmas gift.

BIRMINGHAM, Ala.—A 100,000-pound shipment of non-perishable foods and clothing, said by officials to be the largest amount of relief materials ever gathered at one time in the South, was shipped by Baptists of this city during World Relief Week to New Orleans for overseas delivery in Europe and Asia. The gifts came from members of 122 churches in the Birmingham area.

Joe Walley, Secretary Treasurer of the Green County Association, has sent a copy of the 1948 minutes to the Baptist Record. Evidently Mr. Walley stands in with the printers for some of the minutes have not yet been received from the printers. The next association will meet at County Line church on Thursday before the fourth Sunday in October, 1949.

LAND OF FADELESS STARS (\$5.) by Edwin Arnold and published by The Christopher Publishing House, 1140 Columbus Avenue, Boston, Mass., presents a romance, coupled with historic facts of the War Between the States coming from the archives of the Federal and Confederate governments. Long hidden from the public eye by reason of the great volume of original records, and known to but a limited few, these facts will prove of greater and more lasting interest than any fiction an author might invent. A deep pathos pervades the romance, for the story of the devastation of the Southland in the Sixties is a tragic one indeed; and the historic events, in the graphic manner the author presents them, are breath-taking, with the leading actors of the times in action, pursuing plan, plot and purpose in this fierce, bloody drama upon the vast stage that is America. More than thirty years of research were required to glean these facts from the unnumbered thousands of pages of archives. In view of the connection of the author's ancestors with these momentous events, he pursued the subject with the sole purpose of establishing the truth and presenting it in an objective way to the American people. Orders should be sent to the publisher.

According to the bulletin of the First church, Hollandale, there have been 50 additions to the church since the coming of pastor William P. Davis on March 21, 1948. Twenty-four of these were for baptism.

The children and faculty of the Orphanage will be at home to their many friends during the Christmas Holidays. A cordial invitation is extended to any one who wishes to make a visit at this time.

Bishop John S. Stamm, Evangelical United Brethren Church, was elected president of the Federal Council of Churches at the 40th anniversary convention held in Cincinnati.

An authentic, confidential, word comes from a high government official to the effect that the Pope is steadily losing ground in Europe. Dr. Frank B. Gigliotti writes that 2,500 Roman Catholic priests are deserting the Church in Italy. Scarcely a Protestant Church of importance in this country that does not regularly receive members who have quit the Catholic faith. Numerous priests in this country are known to be leaving their Church. A recent poll of Greater New Orleans reveals the city to be 51.4 Protestant, 47.3 Roman Catholic and 1.3 per cent Jewish — a finding so surprising that the hierarchy is vehemently contesting the figures. — Report from the Capital.

PREACHING FROM THE PSALMS (\$2) is a book of twenty sermons by Dr. Kyle M. Yates, pastor of the Second Church, Houston, Texas. Dr. Yates was for more than twenty years Professor of Old Testament at the Southern Baptist Theological Seminary, Louisville. He loves the Psalms, is at home in the Psalms, preaches often from the Psalms. Each sermon is based on a separate Psalm. A few subjects with the number of the Psalm in parentheses will prove suggestive of the contents: "Out of the Depths" (51), "The Joy of Forgiveness" (32), "Light in a Dark Night" (139), and "An Experience of Grace" (40). Orders should be sent to the Baptist Book Store.

On December 1 Newton Church elected Mrs. Burke Murphy as Promotional Secretary. Mrs. Murphy is teaching in the Newton school and therefore, can give only part-time service for some months. She will give special attention to the Young People's work, the musical program, and promotion of the church program. Mrs. Murphy served as Educational Secretary at Indianola before coming to Newton.

"The American people in 1947 spent about \$1,250,000,000 (1946 figure) for Church contributions; \$1,447,637, 629 for jewelry; \$1,565,000,000 for the movies; \$3,880,000,000 for tobacco; \$7,000,000,000 for dairy products; \$9,640,000,000 for alcoholic beverages; and nearly \$15,000,000,000 for preparedness. All education in American totaled only \$3,522,007,441 (1943-44 figure)." — Newsletter of Council on Christian Social Progress, Northern Baptist Convention. — Report from the capital.

UNDERSTANDING ADULTS (\$7.50) by Gaines S. Dobbins and published by the Broadman Press, is a book for adult workers in Section V, Department Books, of the Sunday School training course. Dr. Dobbins says we need to study adults because the Bible is a book about adults, because Christianity is an adult-minded religion, because the Sunday school will fail without adults, because adults constitute our great opportunity. Orders should be sent to the Baptist Book Store.

CHRISTIANITY IS CHRIST (\$1.50) by W. H. Griffith Thomas, D. D., and published by the Zondervan Publishing House, Grand Rapids 2, Michigan, is the first volume in a proposed set of reprinted Christian classics which are now very difficult to obtain. The set will be uniform in style, price, binding, format, etc. This volume presents our Lord in rich diversity of His Person and work, giving His character, teaching, death, resurrection, Gospel, grace, influence verification. To read this book prayerfully is not only to be informed concerning the Son of God and His purposes but to be drawn also to Him as Saviour and Lord. Orders should be sent to the Baptist Book Store or to the publisher.

I have just finished reading **A DAY FOR GOD-CALLED MEN** by Dr. Zeno Wall and published by the Broadman Press (\$1.75). The type of preaching recorded in this volume of sermons is here to stay. It is Scriptural; it is spiritual; it is sound. The author acquaints the reader with some quaint and obscure texts, both as texts for the sermons and in his many quotations from the Bible in the narrative of the message. He literally calls our attention to some verses we did not know were in the Bible. Such striking statements as this excerpt characterize every page of the book. Dr. Wall tells of a godly man who was asked what he and his wife had done to send out into the world so many noble and useful sons. The man replied: "When the children were at home, we talked to them about the Lord. Now that they are grown and gone, we talk to the Lord about them." Orders should be sent to the Baptist Book Store.

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Pleasant Valley Church, Simpson County, and Pastor Jimmie Yarbrough have invited the Van Winkle Church (Jackson) choir to present their Christmas Cantata on Monday night, December 20, at 7:30, under the direction of Van Winkle's music director, Bill Lowe.

An altar in the home will alter any home.

Only Christians can build a Christian home.

CALENDAR OF PRAYER

- December 20—Ralph Adams, Warren Association BTU Director; Dr. G. E. Wiley, Grenada County Convention Board member.
- December 21—T. M. Hederman, Jr., Jackson, trustee, Baptist Foundation; Miss Jennie Stevens, trustee, Blue Mountain College.
- December 22—Cecil Travis, Jackson, trustee, Mississippi College; Dr. Eugene Farr, Newton, Board of Ministerial Education.
- December 23—Dr. J. W. Parrish, Laurel, trustee, Woman's College; Forrest Cooper, Indianola, trustee, Baptist Orphanage.
- December 24—J. E. Herring, Mississippi College faculty; Dr. George Townsend, Morton, trustee, Baptist Hospital.
- December 25—John Jenkins, Jackson, District I BTU President; Dr. Ira B. Seale, trustee, Baptist Memorial Hospital.
- December 26—Student Night at Christmas; Chastain Flynt, Rankin Association Music Director.

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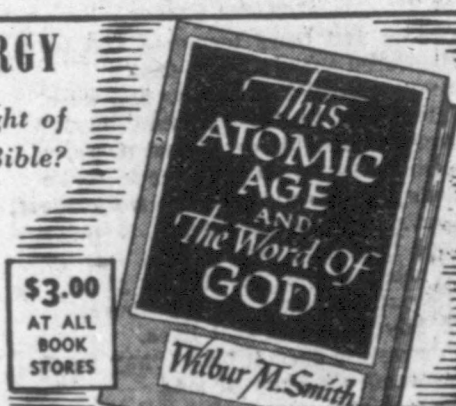
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TIMES HAVE CHANGED

Dr. F. Judson Chastain, pastor of First church, Poplarville has sent to the Baptist Record a leaf from his diary of 1927 which emphasizes some of the changes that have taken place in these 21 years. Shown thereon is a list of 27 people who had subscribed for the Baptist Record. A check of the present Coldwater list shows only seven of those people now getting the Record. As Coldwater is an EVERY FAMILY church, that probably indicates that most of the others have either died or have moved away.

Assisting Dr. Chastain in securing the subscribers was the beloved Rev. L. E. Lightsey. Concerning Dr. Lightsey, Dr. Chastain writes, "Bro. Lightsey had not retired from the ministry, as there was no Minister's Retirement plan, such as we have today. He put in a long life as a faithful preacher, yet he was under compulsion to get out and hustle subscriptions for the Baptist Record, which he obtained the hard way, one by one, as there was no EVERY FAMILY plan.

"This list represents well over half of the then active resident church families but at that time we had to get \$1.50 per subscription.

"This pastor, like other pastors who believed in the Baptist Record, would go fetch Bro. Lightsey from his last port of call, and after he had spent two nights and one day with us, we often carried him to his next appointment, if he had any. If not, we would go and try to sell the next pastor on the value of taking Bro. Lightsey around among his members, soliciting subscriptions.

"That was the best we could do in those days, but it was well worth the effort. And if you had not devised a better plan, I'd do it again the hard way, rather than do without the Record."

Editor's note: We did not devise the EVERY FAMILY plan. The idea for it came as a direct answer to prayer.

—BR—
A. G. WILKINS

A pioneer Noxubee County deacon has joined the immortals.

A. G. "Doc" Wilkins was laid to rest in the cemetery at Brooksville, on Monday Nov. 29. His passing was mourned by a host of friends and relatives.

Too much cannot be said of the life of this benefactor of humanity. He was constantly the friend of any one that had a need, and it was his greatest delight to share the fruit of this world with his fellow man.

He was a stalwart of the Gospel of Christ. Never a day passed that he did not pray for and seek to help someone find the Lord Jesus as Savior.

As the flower misses the sunshine, will all the friends of "Doc" miss him. He has received the crown laid up for those who keep the faith.

—BR—
I WALKED WITH GOD
By Gene Carver

Doubts and tears torments and fears,
I suffered them all one day;
No one knows the sorrows and woes,
unless they've traveled that way.
God and life; or death and strife,
Oh Father what a choice to make
Gods great truth from the world aloof,
That's the path I'll take.
Free from sin, Joy within,
Oh what peace the Master gives
The path of love, and joy above,
for any ones soul that lives.
Oh give me speech that I may teach
the wondrous story of love
Joy complete, grace so sweet,
When I reach my home above.

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DR. J. D. GREY

Dr. J. D. Grey, pastor of the First Baptist Church, New Orleans, will be the inspirational speaker at a five-day Bible Conference, January 10-14, at the First Baptist Church, Brookhaven.

Dr. James Leo Green, pastor of First Baptist Church, Pensacola, Florida, formerly professor of Old Testament and Hebrew at Southern Baptist Seminary, Louisville, will speak on Old Testament themes.

Also, Dr. Russell Bradley Jones, pastor of eNtral Baptist Church, Chattanooga, Tennessee, and author of several books, his latest being the well-known *The Things Which Shall Be Hereafter*, will lecture on New Testament themes.

Also open forums and conferences will be held on pulpit preparation and pastoral work by Dr. Wyatt Hunter, of First Church, McComb, and other pastors.

Pastors over the state are invited to attend. A limited number of sleeping accommodations will be provided free of charge to Mississippi pastors wishing to attend the Conference. These reservations should be made as soon as possible if accommodations are desired and may be had by writing the pastor, Dr. W. Landon Miller, First Baptist Church, Brookhaven.

Three Churches Participating
In Macon Baptismal Service

On December 5, baptismal services were held in First Church, Macon, for three churches.

First Church baptized six into its own membership. The Rev. Joe Abrams baptized one candidate of the Shuqulak church, and the Rev. T. L. Jenkins baptized two into the Concord church. The Pastor R. D. Pearson and First Church, Macon, were glad to share their baptism.

Macon has made plans for a complete religious census and work began on this on December 5.

Tithe Is Key To Church's
"All-Inclusive" Budget

BLYTHEVILLE, Ark.—(BP)—First Baptist Church of Blytheville will raise money in 1949 for a new auditorium and educational building—but there will be no special campaign.

Dr. E. C. Brown, pastor, explained that the plan is for all church members to tithe, placing the money in an all-inclusive church budget which includes the building fund.

"All of us want to build without incurring an indebtedness," explained Pastor Brown. "God has given us the plan; it is the tithe."

DEDICATE NEW CHURCH
SUNDAY, DECEMBER 19

Dedication services will be held Sunday afternoon, December 19 at two o'clock for the River Side Baptist church, a new church organization near Monticello.

The pastor, the Rev. E. E. Hedgepeth of Monticello, announces the dedication services and extends a cordial invitation to all to attend.

This church was originally a mission church sponsored by the Monticello Baptist church. Through the co-operation of members and friends a building has recently been constructed to meet the need for a church to reach a group of people of Baptist faith who do not attend the Monticello Baptist church.

Catholic Paper Challenges
New Orleans Protestant Poll

NEW ORLEANS—(RNS)—A recent Protestant poll that found Greater New Orleans is 51.4 per cent Protestant was challenged here by Catholic Action of the South, official organ of the archdiocese.

Asserting that the city "is not 51.4 per cent Protestant," an editorial in the Catholic journal said flatly that "Protestants do not outnumber Catholics in this area."

"There may be more non-Catholics than Catholics in our metropolitan area," it added, "but there are definitely not more Protestants than Catholics."

The poll sponsored by the New Orleans Council of Churches, had indicated that New Orleans was 51.4 per cent Protestant or of Protestant leaning; 47.3 Catholic or of Catholic leaning, and 1.3 per cent Jewish.

Breaking down these percentages, the Council poll listed 57,112 white persons as Protestant church members, and 124,888 who were described as having Protestant leanings. It listed 237,000 persons as white Catholics. It also said 80 per cent of the 195,000 Negroes in this area were Protestant.

"We used the word 'about' because the figures published are in nearly all cases only estimates," the paper said. "It must be remembered that not every family in New Orleans was approached during the religious census."

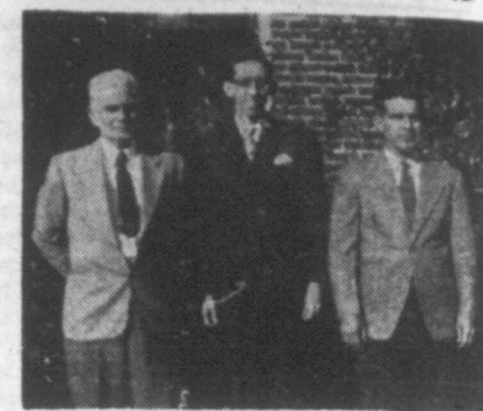
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Rev. Joel O. Brewer, De Funiak Springs, Florida, returned foreign missionary, is available for work as pastor, evangelist, and teacher. We do not know him intimately, but reference may be made with the Foreign Mission Board, Richmond, Virginia. These foreign missionaries should be kept busy.

Bulletin Service Now Published By Sunday School Board
To Be Edited By Executive Committee, C. E. Bryant, Editor

NASHVILLE, Tenn.—(BP)—An agreement has been made between the Executive Committee and the Sunday School Board of the Southern Baptist Convention whereby the latter will be publishing and distribution agent for the Committee's Baptist Bulletin Service.

The Bulletin Service, appearing weekly in two forms adaptable to any type need by the churches, has a circulation approaching 500,000.

The Executive Committee, publishers of the Bulletin Service since its inauguration, announced the arrangement as "a change we are confident will result in greatly improved service to the customer. It is a logical and wise step in the light of the Sun-

ARTESIA CHURCH ORDAINS
FATHER, SON AS DEACONS

In a special service on Sunday night, November 28, at the Artesia Baptist Church, J. E. McIlwain Sr., and his son, J. E. McIlwain Jr., were ordained as deacons.

The message was brought by the pastor, J. F. Stanford, giving a charge to the newly ordained deacons, J. W. Halbert and J. M. Gillespie, deacons, took part in the service. The benediction was voiced by J. E. McIlwain serving at teacher of the Adult Sunday School class, and his son being recently elected as Church clerk. Rev. J. F. Stanford is pastor.

—BR—
MRS. D. E. SCOTT
Whereas God in His providence on Oct. 24, 1948 called to her heavenly home our sister and fellow member of W. M. S. Edna Scott born March 7, 1870.

Therefore, be it resolved, that we express to our Heavenly Father our gratitude for her life as a Christian Mother, Grandmother and Great-grandmother.

Be it further resolved that we express to her family our deepest sympathy in her passing and that we commend them to the comfort of the Holy Spirit.

Be it further resolved, that a copy of these resolutions be presented to her son Deacon W. A. Scott on behalf of the family, to the Baptist Record, and be spread on the minutes of the Vancleave Baptist W. M. S.

Vancleave, Mississippi.
Committee:
MRS. J. W. MURPHY,
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—BR—
Buckner Orphans Home plans to develop a "Haven for the Aged," possibly at Houston, a welfare mission for girls at San Antonio, and a ranch-school for boys, somewhere in Central Texas. Four new units on the campus at Dallas will cost \$1,500,000 and will be started in 1949.

For the benefit of all concerned:
There will be no issue of The Baptist Record on December 30. The Christmas week issue of December 23 will be the last issue in 1948.

day School Board's almost unlimited experience and their special facilities for these two vital phases of the work."

Complete editorial duties and privileges will be retained by the Executive Committee, and C. E. Bryant will continue as editor. "The Bulletin will continue to be representative of all Southern Baptist Convention institutions and agencies. Its pages will promote the whole program of Southern Baptists in this nation and around the world," said the Executive Committee announcement.

The work will continue under the name of Baptist Bulletin Service with the same mailing address, 127 Ninth Ave., N., Nashville, Tenn.